

WAL how to use dialogue for effect in our writing

I can punctuate speech
correctly

Dialogue advances the plot

Speech is appropriate to the
characters

How do we punctuate speech?

- **Open and close speech using inverted commas**
- **Start all speech with a capital letter**
- **Include punctuation within inverted commas**
- **Use a new line for a new speaker**
- **Use a range of synonyms for 'said'**
- **Vary the position of the reporting clause**

Using Dialogue

Dialogue is a conversation or speech that is written down as part of a piece of narrative text.

It is usually
between two or
more people...



...and it can be
really useful
when describing
characters or
advancing a
story's plot.

Recap

Dialogue can be really useful when advancing the action and developing characters in your writing.



Using Dialogue to Advance the Action

Use your characters' dialogue to tell the story.

Remember to have your characters talk about the events otherwise the plot will not advance.



Using Dialogue to Create Tension

Use the dialogue between your characters to create tension. Try making them shout or stutter to give the impression of urgency or fear.



Using Dialogue to Develop Characters

Use the way that your character speaks and their choice of words to show your reader more about their personality, attitude and viewpoint.