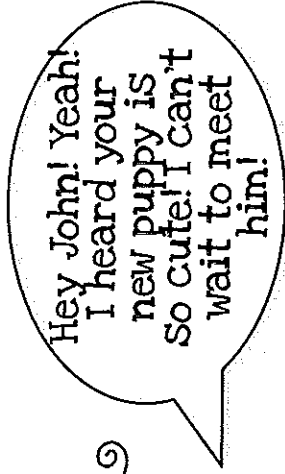
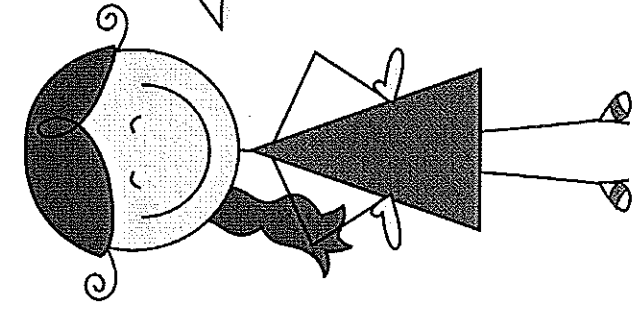
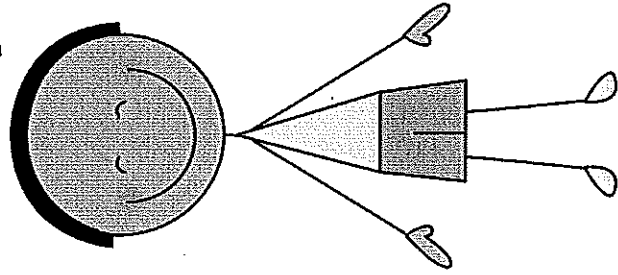
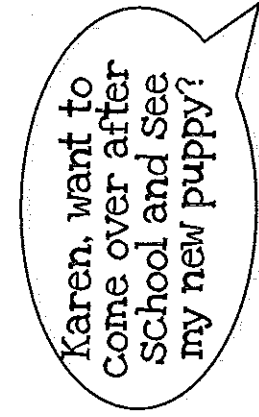


Using Dialogue in our Writing

There are many reasons why good writers use dialogue in their writing. Some reasons we use dialogue in our writing are to add detail, re-live a scene, or to reveal more information to the reader about our character's personality traits.



Rules for Editing Dialogue in Your Writing

- 1.) Quotation marks show where the exact words of a speaker begin and end.
ex: "Katie, let's go to the mall today," Camilla exclaimed.
- 2.) A comma separates the quotation from the words that tell who is speaking.
ex: "Katie, let's go to the mall today," Camilla said.
- 3.) A question mark or exclamation point takes the place of the comma. This means you put the question mark or exclamation point before the end quotation, and skip the comma.
ex: "Katie, do you want to go to the mall today?" Camilla asked.
- 4.) Some quotations are divided in two. If quotations are divided, don't capitalize the second part of the sentence, and use commas to separate the quotation from the speaker.
ex: "Katie, if we go to the mall," Camilla said, "you can buy a gift for your mom."
- 5.) If the divided quotation is two sentences, use a period after the words that tell who is speaking. Capitalize the first word of the new sentence.
ex: "Katie, do you want to go to the mall?" Camilla asked. "Then you can buy those pants you wanted."