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HOW TO PUNCTUATE DIRECT QUOTES

To show that the words you're writing were something that a person actually said or thought, use "**QUOTATION MARKS.**" So, if you were describing what Aunt Gertrude said, here's how you'd do it:

"When I entered her living room, Aunt Gertrude screamed at me, "Don't come in here with those nasty shoes!"

Notice the difference between that sentence and this one:

When I entered her living room, Aunt Gertrude told me not to come in with nasty shoes.

Now, write the following sentences in your notebook, and your very excellent teacher will show you how to punctuate them:

"It's time for bed," Mom said.

"The best way is the Air Force way," Mr. Thompson said proudly.

OK, here's a tricky one:

"That car," he continued, "isn't worth owning."

Consider the following scene:

STUDLY SMITH, BOY JOCK

Remember, everytime a speaker change, start a new paragraph.

Studly Smith, boy jock entered Algebra class. Immediately, a small cluster of jock

groupies surrounded him.

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"Oh, Studly, you were super in last Friday's game!" one of them blubbered.

"Yeah, I guess I was," he responded modestly.

"You are like," another groupie chimed in, "sooo strong!"

"You should see me bench press," Studly boasted. "I can put up 350 pounds!"

To demonstrate his massive strength, the young man got up from his desk and did a one armed push up. He then told the girls that he does 100 of those each day.