



Punctuating Dialog

Example #1:

Descriptive words, “Quoted words.”
Josephine said, “He is not going with you.”

Example #2

“Quoted words,” descriptive words,
“He is not going with you,” Josephine said.

Example #3

“Quoted words,” descriptive words, “quoted words.”
“He is not going to go,” Josephine said, “with you or anyone else.”

Example #4

“Quoted words!” descriptive words,
“Never!” she shouted.

1. Notice the three ways of recording dialog.
2. Notice where the commas go in each situation.
3. Notice when capital letters are necessary.
4. The quoted sentence begins with a Capital. However, in the case of a split quote, the second half of the sentence does not begin with a capital.
5. If the quoted sentence ends with a question or explanation mark, it replaces the comma and is not added to it.