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PARAGRAPHS

Single Space:

- 1) When the content changes
- 2) When the time changes
- 3) New perspective/ Speaker

Double Space:

- 1) Large time changes

Remember:

- 1) _____ USE THE TAB KEY WHEN YOU START A NEW PARAGRAPH!!!!
- 2) If you go more than half a page you have probably missed a paragraph opportunity.

PRACTICE

Draw a / where the paragraphs should be?

“Magic rings are- well, magical; and they are rare and curious. I was professionally interested in your ring, you may say; and I still am. I should like to know where it is, if you go wandering again. Also, I think you have had it quite long enough. You won’t need it anymore, Bilbo, unless I am quite mistaken.” Bilbo flushed, and there was an angry light in his eyes. His kindly face grew hard. “Why not? He cried. “And what business is it of yours, anyway, to know what I do with my own things? It is my own. I found it.” “Yes, yes,” said Gandalf. “But there is no need to get angry.” “It is mine, I tell you,” said Bilbo. “My own. My Precious. Yes, my Precious.”

DIALOGUE

1. **A speaker's exact words (also called dialogue) must be surrounded by "quotation marks."**

Example: "Mornings are for coffee and contemplation," said Hooper.

2. **Opening quotation marks (example: ") are used to mark the beginning of the speaker's words, and closing quotation marks are used to mark the end of the speaker's words (example: ")**

3. **If dialogue is split or separated, use quotation marks to surround each part that is spoken.**

Example: "Mike," said Dustin, "I found the chocolate pudding!"

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Example: "I need this phone," said Joyce, "And two weeks advance."

5. **If a quotation is not split or separated, don't close the quotation until the speaker is finished. This could sometimes involve numerous sentences.**

Example: "Use the shampoo and conditioner when your hair's damp, not wet. Okay?
When it's damp, you do four puffs of the Farrah Fawcett spray," said Steve

6. **Commas and periods are always placed inside the closing quotation marks.**

Example: "Plan B: we're telling your mom," Lucas told Mike. Jordan replied.
"No," interrupted Eleven.

7. **Use a comma to introduce a quotation after a dialogue tag.**

Example: Eleven watched the bully her friend and said, "Mouth breather."

8. **Every time a new person speaks, you must start a new paragraph.**

Example:

"Have you ever heard of Mirkwood?" asked Hooper.

"I have not," replied Callahan. "That sounds made up to me."

Lucas interrupted the two men. "No, it's from *Lord of the Rings*."

"*The Hobbit*," Dustin corrected.

Lucas held in a deep breath and snapped at his friend, "It doesn't matter!"

"He *asked*!" Dustin snapped back.

PRACTICE

Re write the dialogue with proper grammar

1. Oh my god, oh my god, oh my god, oh my god, Dustin said.

2. I don't care if anyone believes me, said Joyce. I am not gonna stop looking for him until I find him and bring him home! Joyce took in a deep breath. I am going to bring him home!

3. You're going to take out the demigorgon with a slingshot? Said Dustin. It's a wrist-rocket, said Lucas.

4. Jonathan looked up at Nancy and said, don't take it so personally, okay? I don't like most people. He's in the vast majority.
