



Module Five

Task: Punctuating dialogue

It's very important to make sure you've checked your work for punctuation, grammar and spelling before you submit it to a publisher. These days, Grammarly, Google Drive or Word can help you. Or you can employ a professional editor if you need extra assistance.

One of the most common errors I see in picture book text is punctuation around dialogue.

When a new person speaks, drop down a line.

This is the correct way to punctuate dialogue:

"Mum, I need to go to bed," said Susie.

"OK, sweetie. Let's go!" said Mum.

"Can you turn off the light?" asked Susie.

"Sure."

Exercise

Punctuate the following sentences correctly:

"Dad, I'm going inside." Said William. "Stop!", said Dad. "You can't!"

