

Using Dialogue to Tell a Story

What is dialogue? Dialogue is the spoken conversation between characters. It can also be the internal thoughts of characters.

What is the purpose of dialogue? Dialogue can be used to reveal personality traits or to explain/advance the plot.

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**FORMATTING
DIALOGUE**

- Pay careful attention to the punctuation

“I didn't do it,” said Jen.

I didn't do it.” Said Jen.

“Did you do it, George?” asked Jen.

“Did you do it, George?” Asked Jen.

“No, because I thought,” George said,
“that you were going to.”

“No, because I thought,” George said.
“That you were going to.”

Fred whispered, “Well, somebody did it.”

Fred whispered “Well, somebody did it.”

“I didn't do it!” roared George.

“I didn't do it!” Roared George.