

Lesson 79

Using Quotation Marks I

Use quotation marks before and after a direct quotation. Also use quotation marks with a divided quotation.

"Step right up and try your luck," shouted the carnival worker.
"Pasta," remarked Mr. Cortez, "actually originated in China."

Use a comma or commas to separate a phrase such as *he said* from the quotation itself. Place the comma outside opening quotation marks, but inside closing quotation marks.

Troy asked, "Where are the baseball bats?"
"Someday," said Gwen, "I hope to live in Hawaii."

► Exercise 1 Add quotation marks and commas where necessary.

"Competitive rabbit shows," stated Mr. Sanchez, "are becoming very common."

1. Tabitha asked What makes one rabbit better than another?
2. That depends on what breed of rabbits you are talking about answered Chuck.
3. Each breed said Mr. Sanchez is judged according to a written standard.
4. Emily said The standards are set by the American Rabbit Breeders Association.
5. Every part of the rabbit has some value in the standard said Rick.
6. Even eye color and toenail color count added Emily.
7. My neighbor, Mr. Brown, has some Dutch rabbits said Tabitha.
8. What asked Chuck is the most important thing about a Dutch rabbit?
9. The Dutch rabbit answered Rick has distinctive markings on its head, feet, and body.
10. Since the markings vary on every animal said Emily the judge must decide which one is closest to perfection.
11. The breeds called commercial breeds emphasize meat producing qualities said Mr. Sanchez.
12. All the other breeds he continued are collectively called fancy.
13. Netherland Dwarfs are very tiny rabbits he said.

14. Tabitha asked Are Flemish giants just the opposite?
15. Chuck replied Yes! I saw one of those at the fair.
16. How much did it weigh? asked Rick.
17. I don't know exactly, Chuck responded but it was more than twenty pounds.
18. Tabitha inquired Are there a lot of different breeds?
19. The American Rabbit Breeders Association," answered Emily recognizes forty-four breeds.
20. The average rabbit show she said has more than one thousand entries.
21. She added There are nearly two thousand shows each year.
22. An elimination is a serious fault that can be corrected explained Mr. Sanchez.
23. Emily said Eliminations include things like colds and broken toenails.
24. What asked Chuck is a disqualification?
25. That is a serious fault that is permanent said Mr. Sanchez and cannot be corrected.
26. He asked Who can give examples of a disqualification?
27. Emily replied Two disqualifications I can name are buck teeth and, in a colored rabbit, white spots.
28. Tabitha said It sounds like owners take these shows seriously.
29. Many exhibitors pay big prices for winning stock said Rick.
30. I have sold winning animals for as much as a thousand dollars added Mr. Sanchez.
31. A beginner he said can expect to pay about forty dollars for a good rabbit.
32. Are there any shows near here? asked Tabitha.
33. The Metropolitan Rabbit Fanciers holds its annual show at our fairgrounds said Emily.
34. Chuck added It is held on the second weekend of April.