

Examples of Rules for Quotation Marks (“ ”)

Use To Quote Someone

Example: My mother always told me: “Kindness is your most important attribute.”

Use in Dialogue

Example: “Hey,” said Kelly. “It’s nice to see you again.”

Use When Referring to Short Works

Example: I recited Robert Frost’s poem “The Road Less Traveled” in my graduation speech.

Use To Show Non-Literal Meaning

Example: The last time you “borrowed” something from me, I never got it back.

Use To Introduce Uncommon Terms

Example: Insert the new reed into the “chanter” on the bagpipes.