

# Understanding Dialogue

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Review your knowledge of realistic dialogue

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Answer the following questions based on what you've learned about writing dialogue.

1. What is one purpose of dialogue in a story?

- A. To make the story longer
- B. To reveal character traits
- C. To confuse the reader

2. A soft answer turns away \_\_\_\_, but harsh words stir up anger.

3. How can you tell what a character is feeling by how they speak?

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4. Match the dialogue style with its effect.

Excited

Short and loud

Angry

Quick and bubbly

5. Dialogue should always sound like real people talking.

True

False

6. Why is it important to make dialogue sound natural?

- A. So it fills up space
- B. To help the reader understand characters
- C. To make writing harder

7. Using proper dialogue \_\_\_\_ helps readers know who is speaking.

8. Why is it important to show a character's personality through their words?

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9. What can dialogue do for a story?

- A. Make it boring
- B. Move the story forward
- C. Add more pages

10. Characters can have different speaking \_\_\_\_ that show who they are.

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## Answer Key

1. To reveal character traits 2. wrath 3. You can listen to their tone and the words they choose. 4. Short and loud 5. True 6. To help the reader understand characters 7. punctuation 8. It helps readers connect with the character and understand their feelings. 9. Move the story forward 10. styles