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Choose Punctuation For Effect



The Rules



Using Quotation Marks

American style quotation marks have six main functions:

A. When you are repeating someone's exact words.

EXAMPLE: "This saddle is too tight," Ginger said.

B. To show irony.

EXAMPLE: My "spirited" horse refused to budge.

C. To show an unusual usage of a word or phrase.

EXAMPLE: Do you think horses "talk" to each other?

D. To refer to a word itself rather than its meaning.

EXAMPLE: To "break" a horse means to tame it for riding.

E. To refer to nicknames and false titles.

EXAMPLE: That mare's name is Penny, but we call her "the coin".



DIRECTIONS: Add quotation marks to the sentences below.

1. I'd like to introduce you to Phil The Jockey Peterson.
2. Please give that horse some oats, said the stable manager.
3. If you put blankets on a hot, wet, sweaty horse he could get cold.
4. The horse that didn't leave the starting line didn't run much of a race.
5. Have you read My Friend Flicka? Carly asked.
6. I wrote stable on the sign and hung it on the stable door.
7. Today I will be riding Caspar, The Ghost.
8. That horse won't eat anything. So much for eating like a horse!
9. Gina said, Can I brush that horse's mane?
10. The horse beauty pageant is going to be the mane event!