

Skill Focus: Formatting Dialogue

Narrative

Objective: Students improve their ability to capitalize and punctuate dialogue.

Estimated Time: 25–40 minutes (classwork and homework)

Diagnose



Quick Write: [Short Story with Dialogue](#)

Students respond to this prompt: “Imagine that a person from the past travels to the present day. Write a story about how your character responds to modern life.”

20–30
minutes



Feel free to replace this prompt with your own (or find more prompts in [our assignment library](#))!



Quick Check: Review students’ short stories. Assign each student one of the practice assignments below based on what that student struggled with most.

Practice



Practice: [Capitalizing Quotes](#)
[Punctuating Quotes](#)

5–10
minutes

Students practice capitalizing and punctuating quotations.