

Writing Dialogue – Practice

Name:

Take each person's dialogue and rewrite it using correct punctuation, capitalization and quotation marks. The dialogue tags are up to you, as is where you place them. There are many correct ways to write this dialogue, but you must follow the dialogue rules to get full points.

Ex: Laura: what are you doing?
 Jacob: nothing. What are you doing?
 Laura: trying to study.

Possible answer 1: Laura asked, "What are you doing?"
"Nothing. What are you doing?" Jacob replied.
"Trying to study," Laura answered.

Possible answer 2: "What are you doing?" asked Laura.
"Nothing," Jacob replied. "What are you doing?"
"Trying to study."

Possible answer 3: Laura glared at Jacob. "What are you doing?" she asked, obviously irritated. Jacob eyed her warily. "Nothing. What are you doing?" Laura sneered. "Trying to study!"

1. Steve: where's mom?
Joey: at the store. Why do you want to know?
Steve: I need a ride to my game. Do you know when she'll be back?
Joey: nope. No idea.

2. Amy: what did we do in English class today? Anything I need to make up?
Erica: nothing much. We read the next chapter and worked on the packet.
Amy: ugh. The stupid packet. I think I have that still.
Erica. hahaha. It's not exactly hard.

3. Shelly: oh my goodness, I want Starbucks so bad! Let's go.
Nancy: that's nothing new. You always want Starbucks.
Shelly: that's because Starbucks is the best, and you can't deny it, no matter how much you want to.
Nancy: you bet I can. Besides, it costs too much.