

Answer Key for Overheads

Beginner Skill Level – Using Quotation Marks in titles

“America the Beautiful”	Yes - Song
“The Most Dangerous Game”	Yes – Short Story
Romeo and Juliet <i>Yes – A Play does not need quotation marks</i>	
“I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow”	No –Songs Need Quotes
Animal Farm No – Books are in italics or underlined	

Moderate Skill Level - Quotation marks used in dialogue

“Dr. Miller wants you to take vitamins, Sally,” Dad said anxiously. “He said you are seriously deficient in several nutrients.”	Yes – Dialogue quoting another person
“Can this be real?” <i>Yes – question marks go inside quotation marks when the sentence is a question.</i>	
Had she heard her mother say, “Here’s \$500 to shop for new clothes”? <i>Yes – the quotation is not a question but the sentence is so the question mark goes outside the quotation marks.</i>	
“Wow! Carolyn, I can hardly believe this!”	No – needs quotation marks to show dialogue.
“Go Bernard; I don’t want to see you for a while.”	No – needs quotation marks to show dialogue.
“Just try it; you might like eggplant,” said Maria.	No – needs quotation marks.

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Advanced Skill Level - Quoting a quotation

“Saturday,” said Tommy, “we are going to sing ‘Happy Birthday’ to JoAnn.”

Yes – song title quoted in dialogue.

“Carol, Mrs. Hinkle told us to read ‘The Most Dangerous Game’ for class tomorrow.”

Yes- second item in a sentence requiring quotation marks uses single marks.

“Sarah, have you read this article in *Newsweek Magazine*, ‘Unleashing the Power of Bacteria’?”

No – Needs quotes at end of sentence and single marks around title of article.

“My favorite quote is, ‘No man is an island.’”

No – needs single quote marks around the quote mentioned.

“Mrs. Hinkle said her favorite quote is, ‘We have nothing to fear but fear itself.’”

No – the quote should just have single quotes, then close the double quotes.

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Colon Usage – Basic Level

Dear Principal Blubaugh:	Yes
I gathered the necessary supplies: paint, brushes of various sizes, a drop cloth, rollers and a paint pan.	Yes
Michelle has: a picnic basket, plates and sandwiches. <i>Michelle has a picnic basket, plates and sandwiches.</i>	No – never split the verb from the list with a colon.
Bob went to the video store to: get an animated film, a drama and a comedy. <i>Bob went to the video store to get an animated film, a drama and a comedy.</i>	No – never split a preposition from the rest of the phrase.

Semicolon usage- moderate to advanced level

The travelers had been waiting in their hot cars for two hours; many were beginning to show their impatience by honking their horns repeatedly.	Yes
Taking notes is an excellent strategy to use when organizing information; therefore, it is especially good when reading history.	Yes
Science covers so many theories; science is my favorite subject. <i>Science is my favorite subject because it covers so many theories.</i>	No – the ideas need to be very closely related; punctuate as 2 sentences or rewrite.
This book is complex, it should be two books.	No – just a comma will suffice since it is such a short sentence.

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Parallel structure – moderate to advanced

Athletes at my school can use free time to lift weights, run on the track, and shoot hoops.	Yes
Mice, rats, raccoons and possum like to eat grain.	Yes
Baseball, volleyball and playing basketball are all popular at my school. Baseball, volleyball, and basketball are all popular at my school.	No
My bed was covered in books, clothes, magazines and photographs.	Yes