

**Writer's name:**

My new word for a \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Planning Your Story's Dialogue before Writing

Today, you will be writing a story of two characters talking about the invention of a new word for an everyday object. As you plan their dialogue exchange, follow these basic rules of dialogue:

**Use a comma to set off a speaker's words.** Example -- Katy said, "I love ice cream!"

**Use quotation marks before and after a speaker's words.** Example -- "I scored a goal," said Tommy.

**Use capital letters for a speaker's first word.** Example -- Mr. Jones said, "Look at this giant pumpkin."

**Start a new paragraph every time a new person speaks.**

Example -- "Mom! Where is my backpack?" said Billy.

Mom replied, "It's still in the car."

"Can you get it for me?" yelled Billy.

"No!" shouted Mom. "I'm making dinner."

**Place the punctuation inside the quotation marks.** Example -- see the above sentences.

Plan your story's lines of dialogue below. Punctuate and check your work with a friend.


Now...combine the above-dialogue with setting details, character details, and plot actions to create a story on another piece of paper!