

## Punctuating Dialogue Exercise

Add the proper punctuation to correct the following sentences involving dialogue.

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2. Of all the poems in his latest book she said this is my favourite. It's really very funny she added
3. Turning towards her brother, she cried Help There were tears in her eyes and clearly she was anxious about something.  
What's the matter he asked.  
I can't find our little sister she answered.
4. In Collins's poem, the line If you cut me I would shine suggests a child's belief in his own immortality.
5. Collins recalls Shelley's Ode to a Nightingale in his final two lines But now when I fall upon the sidewalks of life, / I skin my knees. I bleed
6. In his article Building a Better Vocabulary Darling suggests making vocabulary development a personal mission in life.
7. Toan's English professor asked him what was wrong.
8. So what else is new Raoul asked have you begun your studies in radiology yet
9. What is the main idea in Louise Erdrich's poem Dear John Wayne asked Professor Christie.
10. Who said To be or not to be, that is the question asked Professor Villa.

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This is an indirect quotation and no quotation marks are necessary.

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