

GUM Unit 13

Italics and Quotation Marks

Objectives

Use single quotation marks correctly.

Use italics or underlining correctly.

Capitalize direct quotations and dialogue correctly.

Distinguish between direct and indirect quotations.

Use quotation marks correctly.

Paragraph dialogue correctly.

Use commas and end marks correctly in direct quotations and dialogue.

Copy each of the following sentences and correct them by adding the necessary punctuation.

1. It's never too late stated Danny to start your New Year's resolutions
2. Alicia whispered that her favorite Edward Gorey short story was Donald Has A Difficulty most people would say The Gashlycrumb Tinies is their favorite
3. My favorite line in the movie Joss revealed is when Thor says in my youth I courted war

Quotation Mark Rules (“ ”)

- **Use quotation marks to enclose a direct quotation (a person’s exact words)**
- **The first word of the quote should begin with a capital letter.**
 1. Sally said, “You are my hero!”
 2. She said that he was angry.

Why does #2 not have quotation marks?

Quotation Mark Rules (“ ”)

When a quote is divided into two parts, the second part begins with a lowercase letter if is not a new sentence.

1. “I wish,” she said, “that we went to the same school.”
2. “Where is he?” she said. “He cannot have forgotten our appointment!”

Quotation Mark Rules (“ ”)

A comma or period is always placed inside the closing quotation mark.

1. “I haven’t seen the film version of *Romeo and Juliet*,” remarked Jeannette, “but I understand it is really good.”
2. We just finished reading the short story “The Most Dangerous Game.”

Quotation Mark Rules (“ ”)

A semicolon (;) or colon (:) is always placed outside the closing quotation mark.

1. My mom’s favorite poem is Maya Angelou’s “Woman Work”; in fact, I can recite it.
2. Find examples of the following figures of speech in “I Wondered Lonely as a Cloud”: simile, personification, and metaphor.

Quotation Mark Rules (“ ”)

A question mark or exclamation point is placed inside the quotation mark if the quote is a question or exclamation.

1. “Where does Romeo first meet Juliet?” asked George. (The phrase inside the quotation marks is a question.)
2. “Help me please!” she screamed. (The phrase inside the quotation marks is an exclamation.)

Quotation Mark Rules (“ ”)

A question mark or exclamation point is placed outside the quotation mark if it is part of the entire sentence.

1. I cannot believe you have never heard of the song “I Will Always Love You”! (The phrase inside the quotation marks is not exclaimed.)
2. Which of the characters says, “Parting is such sweet sorrow”? (The phrase inside the quotation marks is not a question.)

Quotation Mark Rules (“ ”)

Use single quotation marks to enclose a quotation within a quotation.

1. “Do you agree with O’Henry that Della and Jim ‘were the wisest’?” asked Greg.

Quotation Mark Rules (“ ”)

Use quotation marks to enclose titles of short works, such as short stories, poems, songs, essays, newspaper and magazine articles, book chapters, and television or web episodes.

1. We read the short story “Thank You Ma’am.”
2. Have you heard the song “Big Girls Don’t Cry”?
3. We read the poem “I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud” outside under the trees.

Italics and Underline rules

***Italicize* or underline titles of long works, such as books, epic poems, plays, films, newspapers, magazines, works of art, television series, and also ships, trains, airplanes, and spacecraft.**

1. *Beowulf* / Beowulf (epic poem)
2. *Insidious* / Insidious
3. *The Commercial Appeal* / The Commercial Appeal
4. *The Mona Lisa* / The Mona Lisa (painting)
5. *People Magazine* / People Magazine
6. *Family Guy* / Family Guy

Italics and Underline rules

Italicize foreign words and phrases in the context of an English sentence.

1. I tried a Cuban dish that, in Spanish, is known as *platanos verdes*.
2. Apple pie *à la mode* is my favorite dessert.

Italics and Underline rules

Italicize words, letters, or numerals used to represent themselves.

1. If I had to describe my cat in one word, that word would be *independent*.
2. The s on the plaque is so ornate that it almost looks like an 8.

Copy the following sentences and correct them by adding the necessary punctuation.

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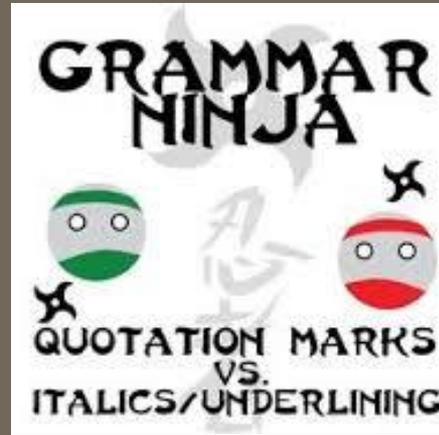
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Underlining/
Italics vs.
Quotation
Marks

Italics and Underlining

Italics and Underlining act in the same function

- Those using MLA (the Modern Language Association documentation format) will use Underlining in handwritten form only now and will use the italics form in typed.
- Those using APA (the American Psychological Association documentation format) will use *Italics*

When do I underline/italicize?

Item

- Titles of Books
- Plays with three or more acts
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Films / movies

- Television Programs
- Radio Programs
- Long Poems
- Works of Visual Art
- Comic Strips
- Software
- Websites
- CD Album Titles

Example...

- *Divergent*
- *Hamlet*
- *Time*
- *The Chicago Tribune*
- *Resident Evil*
- *Supernatural*
- *LoveLine*
- *Beowulf*
- *The Mona Lisa*
- *Dilbert*
- *Excel*
- *Barron's Online*
- *The White Album*



Italicize
names of
trains, ships,
aircraft, and
spacecraft.

When do I use quotation marks?

Item

- Essays from journals, anthologies, etc.
- Articles from magazines, newspapers, etc.
- Short Stories
- Short Poems
- Songs
- Television Program Episodes

Example...

- “The Language of Advertising”
- “The Seven Deadly Ways to Kiss”

- “The Body”
- “The Raven”
- “Pandora”
- “So” *Sons of Anarchy*

Italics vs Quotation Marks

- Another hint: If something can be broken down further, the smaller piece goes into quote marks, and the larger work will be in italics
- For example, a magazine will be italics, while the articles inside it will be in quote marks.
- For example, a TV series will be italics and the individual episodes will be quote marks.
- And I have no clue why ships are in italics. That's just the rule. :)
- Other items that aren't listed above, such as a brand of soda or jeans, a big mansion (think Tara in *Gone with the Wind*) or a store, are just names, not titles, and therefore don't need to have quotes or italics. Simply capitalize them.

Rules for
Italics
and
Underlining
and
quotation
marks



UNDERLINING AND ITALICS CAN BE INTERCHANGEABLE.

- For Example:
- Ms. Wagner's classes read The Wave and Our Town.
- Ms. Wagner's classes read *The Wave* and *Our Town*.



Underline or italicize the titles of long written works:

Such as...

- **Books**
- **Newspapers**
- **Magazines**
- **Long plays**
- **Book-length poems**
- **Long musical compositions**
- **Television series**
- **CD's**
- **Films**
- **Works of Art**
- **The names of a collection of items.**



EXAMPLES:

- My favorite television show is House.
- Teen People is Trina's favorite magazine.
- The drama department will be performing the play Beauty and the Beast in the spring.
- Amazing Grace is a film about William Wilburforce's fight to end the slave trade.



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Underline the names of individual air, sea, land, and space craft.

- Captain Jack Sparrow commanded the Black Pearl.
- Neil's uncle worked on the Apollo 9 mission.



Using Quotation Marks in Titles:



The titles of short works such as short poems, songs, chapters, one-act plays, television episodes, essays, and short stories are placed in quotation marks “like this.”



Examples:

Have you ever read “A Worn Path,” a short story by Eudora Welty?

Jackson Browne is best known for his political songs such as “Tell Me Why.”

During our poetry unit, we will read “I, Too” by Langston Hughes.



Let's see how much you remember!

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Still your turn...

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- Chapter five of our book is titled The Evil Eye.
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- James T. Kirk was the captain of the Enterprise.
- James T. Kirk was the captain of the Enterprise.



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THE END!

