

Using speech marks

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Read the conversation below between the two characters.
Can you write out the conversation using speech marks?
Can you then continue the conversation?



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Remember this handy rhyme:
"66 and 99 each new speaker start a new line."

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Example answer

"What do you think we should do today?" she said to her friend James.

"We could go and play in the park," replied James.

"But we went to the park yesterday," complained Emily.

"OK," said James. "Let's go swimming instead."

"That's a good idea," said Emily quickly. "Let's get our costumes."

James gave a laugh. "Great! I bet I can get changed before you!" he shouted.

Rewrite this conversation in your book, adding the speech marks.

James and Emily got their swimming things together and set off for the pool.

I'm going to swim right to the bottom, said Emily, boasting.

I can't do that, replied James. You know the water stings my eyes.

Wear your goggles then, suggested Emily.

James thought for a while. They hurt my eyes a bit, he said. Maybe I should get some new ones.

I think you should, agreed Emily.

James asked in the swimming pool if he could buy some new goggles.

Of course, said the lady. What kind of goggles would you like?

I need some comfortable ones, said James. That don't hurt my eyes.

Try these on, suggested the lady.

James tried the goggles on. They feel great, he said. I'll buy those. Thank you.

That will be £2.50, said the lady.

Emily paid for the goggles and they went to get changed. I'll beat you into the water, shouted James. No you won't, yelled Emily.

They both jumped in together. Yippee, cried Emily. The water is warm. I'm going to go down the slide, said James. Are you coming? Yes, said Emily. I'm going to do a really fast slide. Bet you can't go as fast as me, thought James, but he didn't say it aloud. Whee! shouted Emily as she flew down the slide and into the water.

Slowcoach, yelled James. Nowhere near as fast as me. It was, said Emily. You weren't even looking.