

## Planning Your Story

### Dialogue

Dialogue is conversation or talking between characters. Dialogue makes your story more real and interesting. When a character is speaking, quotation marks “ ” are placed at the beginning and the end of what the person says.

“I love cookie dough ice cream,” exclaimed Betty.

“The best ice cream is rocky road,” said Sue.

Here is an example of dialogue from a published book Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus by Barbara Park.

Principal started asking me a jillion questions. Mostly they were questions about hiding in the supply closet.

“I’m a good hider,” I told him.

Principal acted a little bit grumpy. He said I wasn’t allowed to do that anymore.

“When you go to school, you have to follow the rules,” he said. “What would happen if every boy and girl hid in the supply closet after school?”

“It would be very smushy in there,” I said.

Then he made his eyes frowny. “But we wouldn’t know where anyone was, would we?” he said.

“Yes, I said. “We would all be in the supply closet.”

Then Principal looked up at the ceiling. And I looked up, too. But I didn’t see anything again.