



Single vs. Double Quote

In American English, double quotation marks have five functions:

- to indicate a direct quote
- to indicate dialogue or spoken speech
- to indicate the titles of short works, like poems or songs
- To set a word apart for emphasis, for example, to signal irony, sarcasm, or skepticism
- to differentiate between a legal, given name and a nickname

In American English, single quotation marks have a single purpose: to replace double quotation marks inside of other quotation marks.

DIRECTIONS: Circle whether each sentence is punctuated correctly.

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| 1. "I left my sweater on the bus," Jenn said. | YES | NO |
| 2. Joseph prefers to be called "Rocky." | YES | NO |
| 3. Rachel is "working at home" today. | YES | NO |
| 4. "When I called his name, he said, 'Who are you?'" | YES | NO |
| 5. Read Robert Frost's poem 'Fire and Ice.' | YES | NO |

