

# Dialog Punctuation



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**Directions:** These sentences are real dialog from the original *Tarzan of the Apes* by Edgar Rice Burroughs. They are missing some punctuation and quotation marks. Fill them in correctly according to what you just learned.

1. “Close and bolt the door, Alice   cried Clayton. “I can finish this fellow with my axe
2. “Back, Alice   shouted Clayton   “for God’s sake, go back
3. “Come back to me   she whispered. “I shall wait for you—always
4. “Mercy, Mr. Philander   interrupted the girl. I never can remember so many questions
5. Jane asked   Where is the forest man who went to rescue you? Why did he not return?
6. “What are you Tarzan?   he asked aloud   An ape or a man?
7. “Then you knew your mother, Tarzan   asked D’Arnot.
8. “Yes. She was a great, fine ape, larger than I   replied Tarzan   and weighing twice as much
9. “Oh, I beg your pardon!   she exclaimed, pausing on the threshold. I thought you were alone, papa
10. “What shall I call you   she asked   What is your name

11. "I was Tarzan of the Apes when you first knew me" he said.

12. "Tarzan of the Apes!" she cried. "And that was your note I answered when I left?"

13. "This is not an African jungle" she said. "You are no longer a savage beast. You are a gentleman, and gentlemen do not kill in cold blood."

14. "I am still a wild beast at heart" he said, in a low voice, as though to himself.

15. "Jane Porter" said the man, at length. "If you were free, would you marry me?"

Teacher, here are the answers to the exercise:

1. “Close and bolt the door, Alice,” cried Clayton. “I can finish this fellow with my axe.” **OR** “Close and bolt the door, Alice!” cried Clayton. “I can finish this fellow with my axe!”
2. “Back, Alice,” shouted Clayton, “for God’s sake, go back!”
3. “Come back to me,” she whispered. “I shall wait for you—always.”
4. “Mercy, Mr. Philander,” interrupted the girl. “I never can remember so many questions.”
5. Jane asked, “Where is the forest man who went to rescue you? Why did he not return?”
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7. “Then you knew your mother, Tarzan?” asked D’Arnot.
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15. “Jane Porter,” said the man, at length, “if you were free, would you marry me?”