

Quotation Marks with Titles & Special Words

Quotation marks are used to punctuate titles of songs, short poems, short stories, lectures, episodes from radio and television programs, chapters of books, unpublished works, and articles from newspapers, magazines, and encyclopedias. Quotation marks are also used to point out a word that is being used in a special way or to indicate that a word is slang. Turn to 468.1-468.2 in *Writers INC*.

- **I heard Samuel Barber's "Knoxville: Summer of 1915" last night.**
(Use quotation marks around the name of a song.)
- **I think it could be called a musical "essay."**
(Quotation marks point out a word used in a special way.)
- **It's a "cool" piece of music about a hot summer night.**
(Quotation marks indicate that a word is slang.)

Write sentences below using quotation marks correctly.

1. Include the title of your favorite song in a sentence.

"Summertime Girls" is my favorite song.

2. Use a short story title in a sentence.
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3. Use the title of a nursery rhyme in a sentence.
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4. Use one of your favorite slang words in a sentence.
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5. Make up the title of a magazine article and use it in a sentence.
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6. Write a sentence using one of these words—*guide, green, honesty*— in a special way.
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Extend: List five titles that would require quotation marks. Ask a classmate to write sentences using the titles and to use quotation marks correctly. Check each other's work.

Italics (Underlining) & Quotation Marks

Italics is a printer's term for a style of type that is slightly slanted. In material that is handwritten or typed on a machine that cannot print in italics, each word or letter that should be in italics is underlined.

Italics (underlining) is used to indicate the titles of magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, books, plays, films, radio and television programs, book-length poems, ballets, operas, lengthy musical compositions, record albums, CD's, legal cases, the names of ships and aircraft, scientific names, and foreign words. Turn to 470.1-470.4 in *Writers INC*.

Quotation marks are also used to indicate some titles. Turn to 468.1 in *Writers INC* to help you decide when to use quotation marks and when to underline or use italics.

Write a Q in the blank if quotation marks should be used or a ~~U~~ if underlining should be used.

I for italics

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| <u>U</u> _____ | 1. Titanic (<i>ship</i>) | _____ | 13. Los Angeles Times (<i>newspaper</i>) |
| _____ | 2. America the Beautiful (<i>song</i>) | _____ | 14. short story |
| _____ | 3. an opera | _____ | 15. radio episode |
| _____ | 4. Reader's Digest (<i>magazine</i>) | _____ | 16. The Raven (<i>poem</i>) |
| _____ | 5. radio program | _____ | 17. yucca brevifolia (<i>Joshua tree</i>) |
| _____ | 6. Cold Sassy Tree (<i>novel</i>) | _____ | 18. pamphlet |
| _____ | 7. magazine article | _____ | 19. Jack and Jill (<i>nursery rhyme</i>) |
| _____ | 8. television episode | _____ | 20. Macbeth (<i>play</i>) |
| _____ | 9. television program | _____ | 21. movie |
| _____ | 10. Brown vs. Brown (<i>legal case</i>) | _____ | 22. CD |
| _____ | 11. bonjour (<i>French</i>) | _____ | 23. chapter in a book |
| _____ | 12. Writers INC (<i>book</i>) | _____ | 24. speech or lecture title |

Extend: Write a paragraph that includes the titles of your favorite movie, TV show, song, CD, magazine, novel, and short story. Try to include at least seven titles. Use quotation marks and italics (underlining) correctly.

Review: Quotation Marks & Italics (Underlining)

Add quotation marks where they are needed. Underline words that should be in italics.

1. Please pass the toast, she said.
2. The Conqueror Worm is a poem written by Edgar Allan Poe.
3. A Literary History of the United States is a fine resource book.
4. Why did you play my Rock 'n' Roll Racing? Justin asked.
5. I had to, said Benji, because mine was broken.
6. He likes clunky because the word is onomatopoeic.
7. Formal writing does not use phrases like that's really decent or far out.
8. Gone with the Wind is an exciting film that is still respected today.
9. The Latin words te amo mean the same as the German words ich liebe dich.
10. The city paper Daily Tribune carried an article entitled Foot Lake Will Be Cleaned.
11. Did you study Faulkner's short story Two Soldiers? she asked.
12. No, he replied, we read Thurber's short story Catbird Seat last week.
13. Does your group sing America the Beautiful? she asked.
14. Aunt Midge calls Billy her kleine kinde.
15. I'm glad I didn't sail on the Titanic.
16. The Great Gatsby is F. Scott Fitzgerald's most popular novel.
17. Dave Matthews has recorded many CD's, but Crash is probably his best.
18. That's fine, she said, but who cares whether I read his essay The Incredible Journey?
19. I care, Mr. Jordan replied.