

- **Always make sure your reader knows who is speaking:**

"Where are you going?" Mom asked.

"To the movies," answered Linda.

"Oh no you're not! You've got to clean your room first."

- **Speaker tag following quoted dialog:**

"That's fine. Whatever you decide," he said.

"That's fine. What does she think?" he said.

- **Speaker tag preceding quoted dialog:**

He said, "That's fine. Whatever you decide."

He said, "That's fine. What does she think?"

- **Speaker tag between two separate dialog sentences:**

"That's fine," he said. "Whatever you decide."

"That's fine," he said. "What does she think?"