

Dialogue Matters

Name _____

Period _____

"No!"

"Yes."

"You didn't!"

"I did."

"When?"

"Just now."

"Where?"

"The bank."

"Dead?"

"Yes."

"Why?"

"You know."

"I don't!"

"You do."

"Missing?"

"Yes."

"How Much?"

"Enough."

"No!"

"Yes."

"She didn't..."

"She did."

"We didn't..."

"You did."

"You knew?"

"I knew."

"How long?"

"Long enough."

"What now?"

"Guess."

"Police?"

"Later."

"Why Later?"

"Guess again."

"Tell me!"

"Look."

"Oh, no!"

"Oh, yes."

"You can't!"

"I can."

"Please!"

"Don't beg."

"Forgive me!"

"Too Late."

"Good Gosh!"

"Goodbye."

What happened in this story? One way that writers help readers understand a story and its characters is through dialogue. Dialogue can tell us about a character's personality, background, intensions, dreams/wishes, and relationship with other characters.

Step 1- Read the short story to the left, and then write what you think happened in the space below. Give details in your summary.

Step 2- Add 15(fifteen) lines of dialogue into your own NaNoWriMo story. The dialogue needs to be between at least two characters, and needs to add to the story.

Remember!!! Dialogue always moves the story forward and develops the/your character. Don't forget to use "quotation marks."

"Operator?"

"Yes, sir."

"The police."