

## DIALOGUE WRITING

### INTRODUCTION

- ▶ People express their feelings or thoughts through conversation and a conversation is done through dialogues.
- ▶ This sum up is done through a conversation between two or more people.
- ▶ It is a literary technique in which writers employ two or more characters to be engaged in conversation with each other.
- ▶ Dialogues enable exchange of ideas or opinions. They empower the speakers and facilitate in resolution of issues.
- ▶ Dialogues are instrumental in starting conversation between unfamiliar people.

### Here are 10 tips for how to write dialogue:

- Say the **dialogue** out loud.
- Cut small talk when **writing dialogue**.
- Keep your **dialogue** brief and impactful.
- Give each character a unique voice.
- Add world-appropriate slang.
- Be consistent with the characters' voices.
- Remember who they're speaking to.
- Avoid long **dialogue** paragraphs.

### Points to remember in writing dialogues

- ✓ Understand the context and frame questions and responses accordingly
- ✓ Use informal / formal expressions depending on the context
- ✓ Use contracted forms ( Eg. I,m , He's etc)
- ✓ Sound as natural as possible

### Examples

#### 1) A conversation between 2 friends

**Laurie:** So, what are your plans for this weekend?

**Christie:** I don't know. Do you want to get together or something?

**Sarah:** How about going to see a movie? Cinemax 26 on Carson Boulevard is showing *Enchanted*.

**Laurie:** That sounds like a good idea. Maybe we should go out to eat beforehand.

**Sarah:** It is fine with me. Where do you want to meet?

**Christie:** Let's meet at Summer Pizza House. I have not gone there for a long time.

**Laurie:** Good idea again. I heard they just came up with a new pizza. It should be good because Summer Pizza House always has the best pizza in town.

**Sarah:** When should we meet?

**Christie:** Well, the movie is shown at 2:00PM, 4:00PM, 6:00PM and 8:00PM.

**Sarah:** So, we plan to meet for pizza at noon, go to the movies at two, and shop at Michael's afterward. Right?

**Laurie and Christie:** Yes.

## 2) A Dialogue between Two Friends about Preparation for the Examination

Myself : Hello friend, How do you do?

Friend : I am fine, thank you. Why are you looking so sad?

Myself : Actually I am worried about my final examination What about your preparation for the examination?

Friend : Well, I'm going on well my studies. I am also worried about my exam.

Myself : But tell me about your preparation in different subjects.

Friend : You know I'm weak in English. That's why, I'm taking special care in English. I'm having a detailed revision in other subjects.

Myself : Are you taking help from any special books?

Friend : Yes but I study text books very carefully.

Myself : I see. I must start working with the text books. What do you think?

Friend : Yes. I think it'll be very helpful not only for English but also for other subjects.

Myself : Thank you for your supportive suggestion. I wish you good luck.

Friend : You are most welcome.

