Direct Speech

Rule 1: Capitalize the first word inside the quote.

She said, “My mother is a scientist.”

Rule 2: Place a punctuation mark immediately before the quotation mark.

2-1: Place a comma before the first quotation mark. Place it outside the quote.

He said, “I’m hungry.”

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2-2: Place a period, a question mark, etc. before the second quotation mark. Place it inside the quote.

He said, “I’m hungry.”

hungry.”

“My mother is a nurse,” he said.

“It was a wonderful movie!” she said.

They told me, “We love our country.”

“Do you really like the grammar class?” Tim asked..