Comnmas in Dialogue

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Invitation to Notice	Invitation to Compare,	Invitation to Revise	Invitation to Edit	Invitation to Write
	Contrast, and Imitate			(Assessment)
"Man, hurry up and get	Place the appropriate	Revise the following parts of a		
dressed," I called.	punctuation in the blanks.	dialogue sentence into three	What's wrong?	Choose two non-
"Mama said you ain't		complete lines of dialogue.		human objects that are
dressing to meet the	"I don't know how to tell you	Change the placement of who	"Let's talk," he said.	opposite or different
President."	this" he said "but the	is speaking three times:	"If you eat eggs, why	from each other: fork-
"See there," he said,	Caldwell Parish Country Club	Introduction of the dialogue,	shouldn't I eat birds?"	spoon, pen-pencil, dog-
pointing at the stain. "You	is reserved for whites only	after the dialogue, and		cat, desk-chair, moon-
did that."	" Murphy paused and	interruption of the dialogue. Use		sun, etc.
– Mildred D. Taylor, Song of	looked at Dondre.	the appropriate punctuation.	"Let's talk." he said. "If	
the Trees			you eat eggs, why	Write at least five
the frees	Example: "I don't know how to		shouldn't I eat birds?"	sentences of dialogue
Rikki-tikki replied, "Well.	tell you this," he said, "but the	Quote: "Before the Civil War the	(should be comma after	between the two
Do you think you should eat	Caldwell Parish Country Club	Mason-Dixon line was originally	talk)	objects placing your
	is reserved for whites only."	the boundary between	"I . (. (. II .) I	character identifiers at
baby birds?"	Murphy paused and looked at	Maryland and Pennsylvania."	"Lets talk," he said. "If	different points of the
Nag then played a trick	Dondre.	Identifica also explained	you eat eggs, why	sentences: before,
on Rikki-tikki.	Dikkie tikki replied "Mell	Identifier: she explained	shouldn't I eat birds?"	middle, and after.
"Let's talk," he said. "If	Rikkie-tikki replied "Well.	Examples:	(Lets should be Let's	Llee enprenriete
you eat eggs, why shouldn't	Do you think you should eat baby birds?"	She explained, "Before the Civil	contraction)	Use appropriate
I eat birds?"	Nag then played a trick on	War the Mason-Dixon line was	"Let's talk," he said. "If	comma placement.
– Rudyard Kipling, <i>Rikki Tikki</i>	Rikki-tikki.	originally the boundary between	you eaten eggs, why	
Tavi	"Let's talk" he said.	Maryland and Pennsylvania."	shouldn't I eat birds?"	
	Let's talk He said.		(eaten should be eat)	
Points of Emphasis:	Example:	"Before the Civil War the Mason-	(cateri should be cal)	
A comma is used when	Rikkie-tikki replied, "Well. Do	Dixon line was originally the	"Let's talk," he said. "If	
a character introduces	you think you should eat baby	boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania," <i>she explained.</i>	you eat eggs, Why	
a line of dialogue.	birds?	Termsylvama, She explained.	shouldn't I eat birds?"	
 *A comma is placed at 	Nag then played a trick on	"Before the Civil War," she	(Why should not be	
the end of the line of	Rikki-tikki.	explained, "the Mason-Dixon line	capitalized)	
dialogue when the	"Let's talk," he said.	was originally the boundary	,	
character speaking is	,	between Maryland and		
identified after it.		Pennsylvania."		
identified after it.				

A comma is used when		
there is a break in the		
dialogue and the		
character speaking is		
identified in between.		
A comma is NOT used		
when there is no		
speaker identified.		
When a comma is used		
in dialogue, it is placed		
inside the quotation		
marks.		