



Which Is Which?

Sometimes it is difficult to choose between **italics** (or **underlining**) or **quotation marks** when you are referring to a title or name in your writing. Use the chart below to help distinguish which type of punctuation is appropriate.

Italics or Underlining

Type of Title

Examples

Books	<i>The Golden Goblet</i>	<i>The Outsiders</i>	<i>The Master Puppeteer</i>
Plays	<i>Phantom of the Opera</i>	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	<i>Death of a Salesman</i>
Periodicals	<i>The New York Times</i>	<i>National Geographic</i>	<i>Newsweek</i>
Works of Art	<i>The Thinker</i>	<i>Mona Lisa</i>	<i>The Last Supper</i>
Films	<i>Star Wars</i>	<i>Schindler's List</i>	<i>Lion King</i>
Television Programs	<i>7th Heaven</i>	<i>Full House</i>	<i>Wall Street Week</i>
Full-length LPs/CDs	<i>Unforgettable</i>	<i>No Fences</i>	<i>Man of Steel</i>
Long Musical			
Compositions	<i>Don Giovanni</i>	<i>A Sea Symphony</i>	<i>Peter and the Wolf</i>
Ships	<i>Titanic</i>	<i>USS Nimitz</i>	<i>Queen Mary</i>
Aircraft	<i>Spirit of St. Louis</i>	<i>Air Force One</i>	<i>Spruce Goose</i>
Spacecraft	<i>Apollo 12</i>	<i>Voyager 1</i>	<i>USS Enterprise</i>

Note: When reading printed material or using a computer to compose your writing, the title should appear in italics. Since it is not practical to handwrite in italics, underlining can be substituted when italics are not an available option.

Quotation Marks

Used to Refer to a Smaller Section of Work Found Within a Larger Body of Work

Type of Title

Examples

Short Stories	"The Tell-Tale Heart"	"The Rule of Names"
Poems	"Mother to Son"	"The Road Not Taken"
Articles	"Free Speech and Free Air"	"Marriage in the '90s"
Songs	"America the Beautiful"	"Stairway to Heaven"
Television Episodes	"Heart of a Champion"	"The Trouble with Tribbles"
Chapters and Other Book Parts	"Expanding West"	"English: Origins and Uses"

Note: Ask yourself if the title of a work appears inside a larger body of work. If so, the title belongs inside quotation marks. If the title is for a longer body of work that stands alone, it should be underlined or typed in italics.



Which Is Which? *(cont.)*

Use the charts on page 29 to help you punctuate the following titles correctly.

1. Uncle Dan reads The Wall Street Journal each morning before leaving for work.
2. I have seen The Secret Garden, a movie adapted from Frances H. Burnett's novel, three times.
3. O. Henry wrote a funny short story called The Ransom of Red Chief.
4. My little brother loves for me to sing Man in the Moon before he sleeps each night.
5. Jeremy got a job on the Indian Princess, a cruise ship to Mexico, for the summer.
6. In Dudley Randall's poem Ancestors, he asks thought-provoking questions.
7. The newsstand was out of this month's issues of Sports Illustrated and Good Housekeeping.
8. The final act will be a medley of songs from George Gershwin's opera Porgy and Bess.

Follow the directions to write complete sentences containing titles. Be creative in your compositions. An example has been provided.

Example: Name a ship and an aircraft. Last year our family visited Long Beach, where we toured the Queen Mary and Spruce Goose.

1. Name a song and an album. _____

2. Name a television program. Create a title for an episode. _____

3. Name a magazine. Create a title for an article that could be found in this magazine. _____

4. Name a movie and an actor from the movie. _____

5. Name a book that contains short stories or poems, and then name the title of a story or poem. ____

6. Create the name of a musical play and tell the name of a song from that play. _____

Answer Key (cont.)

washing cycle began without a hitch. We waited for further impending doom, but everything seemed normal. Deciding to keep the incident a secret, we both continued on with our regularly scheduled activities.

Our parents returned home, and both thanked us for cleaning the kitchen so well. I couldn't help but feel a bit guilty when they went on and on about how responsible, trustworthy, and dependable we were; however, I still couldn't bring myself to tell them the truth. We were each given a hug and a raise in our allowance. Should we have taken the praise and money? So, what would you do if it ever happened to you?

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1. On our first trip to California, I wanted to visit the San Diego Zoo; my little sister wanted to go to Disneyland.
2. Our parents settled the dispute for us; they decided we could go to both places.
3. At the zoo we saw a zebra, elephant, and lion; the tigers were not in their display area.
4. Three days later we went to Disneyland; it has imaginative rides.
5. We can't wait to vacation in California again; there are so many sights to see.

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1. A
2. B
3. A
4. B
5. B
6. A
7. A

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(Note: Underlining may be substituted for italics.)

1. *The Wall Street Journal*
2. *The Secret Garden*
3. "The Ransom of Red Chief"
4. "Man in the Moon"
5. *Indian Princess*
6. "Ancestors"
7. *Sports Illustrated, Good Housekeeping*
8. *Porgy and Bess*

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- A.1. 48
2. *directions*
 3. *looking*
- B.1. Sometimes I add an extra *gh* to the word *throughout*, and it comes out *throughought*.
2. C
 3. The teacher reminded the class to drop the *e* before adding *-ing* to a word.
 4. I sometimes mix up the meanings of *effect* and *affect*.

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1. A
2. B
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. B
7. C

8. A
9. B
10. A

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1. Kaya asked, "What do you think Sara's message means?"
2. "Are you all right?" the fireman called to the boy stuck down in the well.
3. No corrections
4. "This dress is too tight," Sara remarked as she prepared to meet her friends.
5. No corrections
6. Suddenly a loud shriek filled the air, "Help! It's getting me!"
7. "What are some of the characteristics of a plant cell?" Mr. Bross asked his class.
8. "I am certain that I know what I'm doing," explained Mitchell as he turned the crank.
9. No corrections
10. Looking over the back seat, Mayra requested, "Please move your head so I can see to back up."

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1. Michael shouted, "Let's get busy with the paint!"
2. "Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves," stated Abraham Lincoln.
3. "Has anyone in this group ever climbed Mount Everest?" asked the mountain guide.
4. Mr. Cummings said, "Please watch your step through the pond!"
5. Donna and Chandra complained, "We don't want to do the dishes."
6. "Help!" cried the frightened girl as she grasped the end of the rope.
7. "What is the time difference between New York and Los Angeles?" he asked the flight attendant.

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Answers will vary.

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"Jeremy, do you ever think about maps?" Hannah asked. "Only when I'm lost or taking a trip," Jeremy replied.

"Well," said Hannah, "let me tell you some of the things I learned about maps in my geography class."

"Sure," Jeremy said. "I love trivia."

Hannah began, "Ptolemy was a great mapmaker and geographer. He lived from A.D. 90–168 during the reign of the Roman Empire. Ptolemy gathered information from travelers and traders to compose a remarkably accurate map of the ancient world. However, things change with the fall of the Roman Empire."

"Why, what happened?" Jeremy asked.

"For the next 1,000 years maps became distorted. Ptolemy's work was forgotten, and maps were formed around important landmarks. For example," Hannah continued, "Christian mapmakers often placed Jerusalem in the center of their maps, with the East at the top."

"When was a more accurate world map produced?" Jeremy asked. "I mean, at some point they must have discovered what really existed to the north, south, east, and west," Jeremy replied. "Didn't explorers set the record straight?"