

Does the passage have more than one speaker?

# HOW TO EMBED CONVERSATIONS

LIKE A BOSS

Be sure to **notice** how each quotation is **punctuated**. Where are the **commas** and **periods**? How is the **page number** formatted?



Amaka comments, "Maybe it is not as good as the fancy rice she eats at home" "Amaka, leave your cousin alone," Auntie Ifeoma said (120).

- Page number cited accurately.
- Speaker/Thinker introduces first quotation, but second quotation is "floating."



Amaka comments, "Maybe it is not as good as the fancy rice she eats at home." Auntie Ifeoma says, "Amaka, leave your cousin alone" (120).

- Page number cited accurately.
- Textual evidence quoted and citation punctuated correctly.
- Speaker/Thinker introduces each quoted passage.



During lunch, Amaka sneers, "Maybe it is not as good as the fancy rice she eats at home." Auntie Ifeoma scolds, "Amaka, leave your cousin alone" (120).

- Page number cited accurately.
- Textual evidence quoted and citation punctuated correctly.
- Speaker/Thinker introduces each quoted passage.
- Verbs more precise & descriptive.
- Context detail is provided using a signal word ("during")



During lunch, when Amaka sneers, "Maybe it is not as good as the fancy rice she eats at home," Auntie Ifeoma scolds her daughter, "Amaka, leave your cousin alone" (120).

- Page number cited accurately.
- Textual evidence quoted and citation punctuated correctly.
- Speaker/Thinker introduces each quoted passage.
- Verbs more precise & descriptive.
- Context detail is provided using a signal word.
- Quotations combined into one sentence to show relationship between them.



During lunch, when Amaka sneers that Kambili only likes the "fancy rice" she has at home, Auntie Ifeoma scolds her daughter, "Amaka, leave your cousin alone" (120).

- Page number cited accurately.
- Textual evidence quoted and citation punctuated correctly.
- Speaker/Thinker introduces each quoted passage.
- Verbs more precise & descriptive.
- Context detail provided using signal words.
- Quotations combined into one sentence; only most important part of quotation included.

TIP: For the 5-star example, YOU as the writer choose what is the most important part of the quotation to include (ask: what is your purpose?). Consider this alternative:

After Amaka again sneers, "Maybe it is not as good as the fancy rice she eats at home," Auntie Ifeoma reprimands her.



Use signal words for more precise directions.

WHEN, WHILE, AS  
BEFORE, DURING, AFTER