

Veterans Day Parade

Dialogue Writing

- **Dialogue** = characters speaking, use quotations.
- New speaker = new paragraph.
- **Good dialogue pattern:**
 - Two descriptive sentences.
 - Speaker #1 (one complete sentence).
 - Speaker #2 (one complete sentence).
 - Repeat pattern.
- *Commented, remarked, inquired, replied, responded, asked, shouted, grumbled, said, ...*

Essay #1: Use the dialogue pattern and complete the story. (18-24 sentences)

Every year a drawing is held to select a student to ride in Admiral Martinez's lead car at the annual Veterans Day parade. Edith was the lucky #24 and told to report to the parade grounds at 8:00 tomorrow morning.

"Good morning, Ms. Edith! Here's the parade roster," beamed Admiral Martinez, used to waking up early from his old navy days.

"Thank you, admiral. I understand that our job will be to check-in the parade participants and keep a steady car pace," she responded, having already studied the duties of the lead car.



Essay #2: Use the dialogue pattern to complete the scene. (16-18 sentences)



Tara and Greg never miss a Veterans Day parade. In fact, it's one of their favorite events of the year, waving flags, listening to marching bands, and watching military units parade past them.

"Tara, did you notice the shine on the shoes of that last group?" asked Greg, talking in a smooth voice like a parade commentator.

"That's right, Greg, they don't have a button or shoelace out of place – now that's precision!" bantered Tara, speaking into a rolled-up newspaper, pretending it was a microphone.

Essay #3: Kilroy, one of the veteran clowns, wants you to ride a unicycle in the parade and pass out flags to the crowd. (18-20 sentences)