Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #68

FOCUS   **Punctuation of Short Story / Document Titles**

Use quotation marks before and after short story, document, and report titles.

CONNECT TO WRITING

Very familiar documents such as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution require no punctuation.

Examples: I think that his short story, "He Never Lies," may have been based on the secret government document known as "The Pentagon Papers."
The short story, "Flowers," is one of the best. I read about it in the report titled "Best Short Stories of 2004."

PRACTICE

Place quotation marks before and after short story, document, and report titles in the following sentences.

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Carbuncle, The Gray Champion, The Wedding Knell and The May-Pole of Merry Mount.

2. Richard Adams has a wonderful collection of his favorite animal stories including his

own The Rabbit's Ghost Story.

3. James Herriot's short story Monty the Bull tells the entertaining story of a bull that gets

the best of a veterinarian.

4. Doris Summers finished her Lake Tahoe Water Conditions report last week.

5. The school board prepared a document titled State of the District and printed 200 copies.

WRITE

Compose your own sentence with a short story title or a document title. Do not use any of the short stories or documents mentioned on this worksheet.

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Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #68 Practice Answers

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Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #69 Practice Answers

1. "I'm anxious to leave," commented Zelda.
2. "What just took place?" asked Robert.
3. "What a terrific ending to that story!" exclaimed Anthony.
4. "Did you hear the speaker say, 'things will never be the same?'" asked Billy.
5. "I know," replied Max, "but do you really want to make a big deal out of this?"

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #70 Practice Answers

      For all of their talk, <u>they've</u> rarely come to see <u>who's</u> playing at the club. They <u>haven't</u> shown up in over three weeks, and so they <u>can't</u> really comment on what they <u>don't</u> know. I will say <u>they're</u> in for a treat when they do come. <u>There's</u> a band that <u>isn't</u> afraid to let loose. They <u>didn't</u> hold back during their set Friday night and they <u>won't</u> tonight.
1. <u>It is</u> (It's) a shame that they never listen to their parents.
2. <u>You are</u> (You're) sure that <u>you have</u> (you've) never seen them?
3. <u>Where is</u> (Where's) she going? They <u>are not</u> (They're) not exactly saying.
4. <u>She is</u> (she's) happy that <u>they had</u> (they'd) left directions.

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #71 Practice Answers

1. Samuel went shopping; then he went out to dinner.
2. The album includes: the heart-throbbing rhythm, rock, and blues "Sawmill"; the surprisingly speedy, yet soulful "Ol' Dog Blues"; and the highlight of the CD, "Mama's Return."
3. I was taught Spanish at home by a tutor; that's how I learned the language.
4. The Revolutionary War was fought against the British; the War of 1812 was also fought against them.
5. Many died in the Civil War; it was a horrible tragedy.
6. Ellen did not prepare at all; she appeared not to care what would happen as a result.
7. Through many long days of looking; after many attempts and failures; despite many questions left unanswered, they finally decided to buy a home of their own.