

1. **Write the way a person speaks.** _____

2. **New speaker, new paragraph.** _____

3. **Avoid meaningless exchanges.** _____

4. **Don't say what the character already knows.** _____

5. **Avoid overuse of adjectives and adverbs.** _____

6. **Nothing wrong with *said*.** _____

7. **Add small actions and gestures.** _____

8. **Ensure your dialogue serves a purpose.** _____

9. **Have a good back-and-forth exchange.** _____

10. **Read your dialogue aloud.** _____

11. **Vary your tagline positions.** _____

12. **Include enough taglines.** _____

13. **A little dialect and jargon go a long way.** _____

14. **Practice, practice, practice.** _____

Have fun writing dialogue!