Jack said, “I have arrived.”

Mary screamed, “That hurts!”

Joe asked, “Are you sure?”

“I have arrived,” Jack said.

“That hurts!” Mary screamed.

“Are you sure?” Joe asked.

“I think,” Lisa said, “this might not be a good time.”

“If you don’t leave,” she screamed, “you will be sorry!”

“Do you think,” Mark asked, “that the Angels will win?”

**Speaker Tags**

* Set off speaker tags with commas.
* BUT other punctuation trumps a comma.
* Use correct end punctuation:

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| Periods and Commas | INSIDE the final quotation mark |
| Question marks and Exclamation Points | INSIDE if part of the original quotation  OUTSIDE if part of the surrounding sentence\* |

\*Ex: Why do you think Mark called his boss “silly”?