

EXERCISE 37-1 Quotation marks: Guided practice

Edit the following sentences to correct the quotation marks and punctuation used with quotation marks. The numbers in the margin refer to appropriate rules in section 37 of *Rules for Writers*, Fifth Edition. Answers to this exercise appear in the back of the book. Example:

The parents watched as the doctor bandaged the boy’s eyes. “For the love of God, what can we do [?]” asked the father[?]. 37f

1. The doctor answered “You can do nothing but pray.” 37f
2. When the bandages were removed and the shades were opened to let in the bright sunlight, the doctor asked, “What do you see?” 37f
3. “Nothing,” said the boy. I see nothing. 37a
4. The village priest said “I have recently seen a remarkable school.” He had just returned from a trip to Paris. 37f
5. “In this school, he added blind students are taught to read.” 37a
6. “You didn’t say “read,” did you?” asked the boy’s father. 37c
7. The boy responded to the priest’s words as if they were a trick of some kind “Now you are joking with me. How can such a thing be possible?” 37f
8. The boy, Louis, thought it would be “great fun” to visit that school someday. 37g
9. His father promised “We will go soon, Louis.” 37f
10. And so it happened that ten-year-old Louis Braille entered the National Institute for Blind Youths and began the long effort to erase the fear people had of even the word blind. 37e