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**Directions**: Punctuate the following examples of dialogue using quotation marks, commas and end marks (. ! ?). Put a “P” or paragraph symbol (¶) every time a new paragraph should start. You will also need to add capitals where necessary.

Get your room cleaned up Mother said or you’re not going to the show. Chris shouted that’s not fair it’s Joe’s room too. Joe will be home later to take care of his half now are you going to get started Mother scolded. I guess so muttered Chris why doesn’t Joe ever have to do anything around here? He does plenty mom said. Chris said I never see him do much of anything but study. Well answered mom you’re never around very much. Chris replied that’s because I have more important things to do like taking over the world. Well said mom you’ll just have to take over the world after you clean the room.