Quotations ending in punctuation

EX:





(word bubble)

She said, "You know I can see you."

(word bubble with comma) "You know I can see you." she said.

(interrupted word bubble)
"You know," she said, "I can see
you."

PRACTICE THE CONVERSATION:

- **A:** Read the first sentence, please.
- **B:** She said, "You know I can see you."
- **A:** How does it end?
- **B:** After the word *you* is a period, then quotation marks.
- **A:** Can you explain why the period is inside the quotation marks?
- 3: It's the end of the quote. If it were drawn as a word bubble, the period would be inside **th**e word bubble.
- A: Great. Will you read the second sentence?
- **B:** "You know I can see you," she said.
- **A:** Yes. Why isn't there a period after *you* in that sentence?
- **B:** The end of the quote isn't the end of the sentence. So the sentence gets the period, and the end of the quote changes into a comma. The quotation marks go after the comma.
- A: Excellent. And the third sentence?
- **B:** Same logic.
- **A:** Exactly.

