Punctuating Dialogue

Quotation marks surround the exact words of a speaker, but where do the other punctuation marks go: periods, commas, question marks, and exclamation points? Watch this video to find out: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_tODjKOC3U. Then complete the activity.

Punctuate quotations. In each sentence below, insert quotation marks, periods, commas, question marks, and exclamation points.

- 1. I told my dad, "The Force Awakens is Star Wars for my generation."
- 2. He said to me, "The Force Awakens belongs to me, too."
- 3. "Would you like to watch in a theater or on DVD?" he asked.
- 4. "In the theater!" I shouted.
- 5. He joked, "Where did you want to see it?"
- 6. Did he lose his hearing when I shouted, "In the theater"?
 - **Or** Did he lose his hearing when I shouted, "In the theater!"
- 7. "Okay, I get it," he said. "You want to see it on DVD."
- 8. "You're making me angry," I replied.
- 9. Doesn't my dad know that Obi Wan said, "Anger leads to the Dark Side?"
- 10. "Calm yourself, young padawan," my dad replied. "We'll see it in the theater."
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