Writing a dialogue

A dialogue is a form of writing that we use for conversations between two or more people. Dialogues follow this format:

- The name of the person speaking is written on the left-hand side of the page.
- The name is always followed by a colon.
- The colons are always underneath each other.
- The words spoken are always written in direct speech but **without** inverted commas.
- Extra information about tone of voice or behaviour is written in brackets.
- Each speaker starts on a new line.

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always followed by a colon.	Matham	(Challing has say) Walks is say the time to as to called
	Mother:	(Shaking her son) Wake up, son. It's time to go to school.
	Son:	But why, Mom? I don't want to go. (Pulls the blanket over his
Extra information is written in brackets before or after		head.)
the spoken words.	Mother:	Really? Give me two good reasons why you don't want to go.
	Son:	Well the kids hate me, for one, and the teachers hate me too.
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Each speaker starts on a new line.	→Mother:	Oh those are not good reasons not to go to school. Come on now and get ready. (Frowning with concern.)
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	Son:	Why don't you give me two good reasons why I <u>should</u> go?
	Mother: _	Well, for one, you're 52 years old. And for another, you're
Words are written in		the Principal.
direct speech but without - inverted commas.		

ExerCise:

Write a dialogue between yourself and a friend about your favourite holiday.