



Inverted commas

Inverted commas are also known as speech marks — they show that someone's speaking.

1. Each of these sentences needs a set of inverted commas adding. Put them into the correct boxes. The first set has already been added for you.

Suzie explained, "You need to boil the sprouts before you eat them."

Alan speaks so slowly," said Daniela.

I asked the penguin, Do you know where the hospital is?"

2. Each of these sentences is missing a piece of punctuation. Put a piece of punctuation into the correct box to complete each sentence.

"I can't hear anything " she exclaimed.

"Thank you for your letter " said Mrs Jones.

3. Rewrite the sentences below, adding inverted commas in the right places.

Tim said, I'm really cold. →

Catch that frog! I cried. →

What's for tea? asked Vic. →

4. Tick the sentences which contain **direct speech**.

I heard Phil say that Siân was very happy.

Alex shouted, "Can you come here please?"

Elliot was confused; Martin was angry.

"We've got a long journey ahead of us," said Ian.



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5. Draw lines to match these sentences with the correct type of speech.

Always uses inverted commas.

Never uses inverted commas.

Summarises what someone says.

Is exactly what someone says.

direct speech

reported speech

6. These sentences are all in reported speech. Rewrite them so that they are in **direct speech**.

Don't forget to use a capital letter at the start of direct speech.

Stephen said that the film was dreadful.

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Stephen said, "The film was dreadful."

We said that there were too many people at the park.

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Esther asked if Ruth can go shopping on Monday.

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I said that we should make a chocolate house.

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7. Use the words below to write a sentence using **direct speech**.

socks tennis

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uncle cheesecake

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