

A note to parents: Direct speech is punctuated with inverted commas which are sometimes called speech marks or quotation marks. They are placed around direct speech to show the reader what a person says. Inverted commas can be either: single ' ' or double " ".

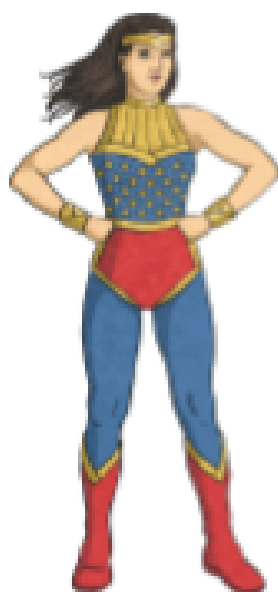
"What's for lunch?" asked Sally.

The inverted commas are placed around the speech (including the punctuation) and are usually followed – or preceded by – a reporting clause. This is the part of the sentence that tells the reader who is speaking, such as 'asked Sally'.

Comic Strip Speech

Using Inverted Commas to Show Direct Speech

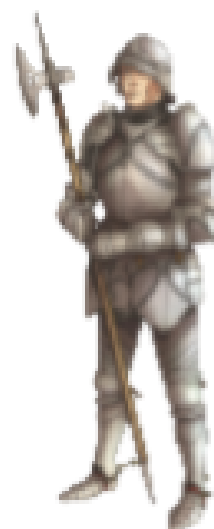
Look at the comic strip speech bubbles below. Change each speech bubble into a speech sentence with inverted commas. The first has been done for you.



Hold on tight! I'll save you!

The superheroine flew through the air and shouted,
"Hold on tight! I'll save you!"

Hold on tight! I'll save you!
I will protect the castle
from the dragon!



Name: _____

Speech Marks



Speech marks are used in writing to show that someone is **speaking**. The words spoken **go inside** the speech marks. The first word inside the speech mark should have a **capital letter**.

Put **speech marks** around **the words** actually **spoken**.
The first one has been done for you.



1. "Please go to bed," Dad said.
2. Sam asked, Can you come for tea?
3. Run! shouted Tom.
4. Mum said, Go to sleep!
5. Emma said, It was fun.
6. Shall we play ball? asked Gopal.



Re-write the sentences on the line below, putting in speech marks.

1. We are going to the shops said mum.

2. Susie said, I am going to see gran.

3. They asked, Can we play?

4. Sanjit said, I love apples and pears.

5. Go away! Sophie said.

Speech Marks

Write a sentence with speech in for each picture.

 <p>Read me a story.</p>	 <p>Yuck!</p>	 <p>Does this hurt?</p>
 <p>Great shoes!</p>	 <p>Can I take him home?</p>	 <p>Listen carefully.</p>
 <p>Well done.</p>	 <p>I'll help you.</p>	 <p>I won!</p>

said	shouted	cried	yelled
asked	explained	begged	snapped
boasted	whispered	muttered	answered

Extension Task: Write your own sentences with speech in using the words above.