

Spot the Missing Speech Marks

Using Inverted Commas to Show Direct Speech

Look at the sentences below. Each one is missing inverted commas. Insert inverted commas around the direct speech in each sentence below.

1. What's for dinner dad? Jacinda asked her dad.
2. The witch looked at her sisters and asked, When will we three meet again?
3. The mouse looked at the fox and quivered, Please don't eat me.
4. I'm stuck! declared Sam as he held up his hand. Can you help me please?
5. Goal! shouted the boy as the ball went to the back of the net.
6. John, can you hold this? asked Joanne.
7. Off with her head! shouted the Queen of Hearts.
8. The policeman asked, Can I see your licence please?

Using Inverted Commas for Direct Speech

Mr Clark is marking the children's work in his class. They have been written using direct speech. Help Mr Clark by circling the mistake(s) in each example below and then write it out correctly.

1. "We're very proud of him", said Jake's parents.

2. "I'm looking for a dragon," said Pete. "Have you seen him"

3. "the only tired I was, was tired of giving in," said Rosa.

4. "What is it?" asked Hansel. "A house made of sweets," Gretel replied.

5. The dentist said "Open wide!"

6. "Mum," cried Cynthia "Is my dinner ready yet?"

7. "that's a horrible song choice, said Simon. Do you have anything else?"

8. I'll take the blue one," said the lady. "Here you go," replied the man

Using Speech Punctuation

Practise in Independent Writing

Look at this scene below.

- What do you think is happening?
- What might the children be saying to each other?

Write a short description about each of the scenes below. You must include direct speech in each description and include the correct punctuation such as inverted commas. The first one has been done for you.



During first lesson, Rory and Isobel worked together on their history research project.

"We're never going to get this finished in the next ten minutes," muttered Rory quietly so that Miss Roper wouldn't hear.





Be the Teacher **Answers**

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