

Speech Marks



Speech Marks are also called inverted commas and are shown like this “a”. Speech can either be said all at once or it can be broken up. We put speech marks around what a person actually said.

eg. “My name is Fred,” he said.

“My name,” he said, “is Fred.”

Look where the commas go when we divide speech up. Read both these sentences to yourself, but out loud, and you ‘hear’ the pauses.

We still need to use other punctuation as well when somebody is speaking.

“What is the date today?” he asked.

He asked, “What is the date today?”

Note: Full stops, question marks and exclamation marks go inside speech marks and we put a comma after said, asked, remarked etc.

Write these sentences out adding the correct punctuation.

1. She said the train is coming
2. Your room is dreadfully untidy Mother remarked
3. Come here please Mr Evans snarled I am not at all pleased
4. Where are my socks shouted Harry
5. Stop it he ordered stop it immediately
6. We bought the radio in June they wrote and it’s never worked