

Inverted commas

What is an inverted comma?

Inverted commas are also called speech marks or quotation marks. They are used to show the exact words that someone has spoken. This is also called direct speech.

Write in the missing inverted commas in these sentences.

- 1 The girl exclaimed, I wish I could fly!"
- 2 Chan said, "Why do we have to go to school?
- 3 The teacher was cross and shouted, STOP!
- 4 I love shopping! announced Josh.



When you finish a sentence, the full stop or punctuation must be inside the final inverted comma, e.g. "Help!"

Direct speech

Direct speech is when the exact words spoken are shown in inverted commas. Rewrite these sentences as direct speech.

- 1 Mac asked Tom if he was having a nice day.

- 2 Tiegan said that she was going to go and hunt for her slippers.

- 3 Jason shouted loudly that he was very angry with everyone.

- 4 Mrs Coombs asked the children to close their books and listen to the next instruction.

