

Speech Marks in Our Stories

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Spotting spoken words

Speech marks go around the exact words a character says. They look like this: " ". Example: Mum said, "Dinner is ready." The spoken words are *Dinner is ready*. Now try these.

1. Which words does the character say?

Tom shouted, "Look at that rainbow!"

☐ A Tom shouted

☒ B Look at that rainbow!

☐ C Tom shouted, Look

☐ D at that rainbow

2. Write the words Mia says.

Mia whispered, "The puppy is asleep."

The puppy is asleep.

3. Write the words the teacher says.

The teacher called, "Line up at the door, please."

Line up at the door, please.

Adding speech marks, commas and capitals

Rewrite each sentence with speech marks around the spoken words. Remember: put a comma after said, and start the spoken words with a capital letter. Word bank: said, asked, shouted, replied.

4. Fix the mistakes in this sentence: The frog replied "i am very tired"

The frog replied, "I am very tired." Comma added after replied, capital I at the start of the speech,

a full stop inside the speech marks.

5. Continue the story. Make Max and Zoe each say something. Use the sentence starter.

Sample: Max and Zoe found a tiny door in the garden. Max said, "Who could live in there?" Zoe replied, "Let's knock and see!" Look for: speech marks around only the spoken words; a comma after said or replied; a capital letter at the start of each piece of speech; both characters speaking.

Finished early? Challenge

Use what you know about speech marks to write a longer piece of dialogue.

6. Two animals meet at a pond. Write 3 or 4 lines where they talk to each other. Start a new line each time a different animal speaks.

Sample: Duck said, "The water is cold today." Frog replied, "I like it that way!" Duck asked, "Can I jump in too?" Look for: speech marks around spoken words only; commas and capital letters at the start of speech; end punctuation inside the speech marks; a new line for each speaker.

7. Which sentence has the speech marks in the right place?

☐ A "Sam said, I am hungry."

☒ B Sam said, "I am hungry."

☐ C Sam "said, I am" hungry.

☐ D Sam said, I am "hungry."