

Direct Speech - Speech Marks

Speech marks (or inverted commas) show when someone is talking. You will see them written in books as "speech" or 'speech'.

Examples:

"Who will help me plant the corn?" said the little red hen.

"Not I," said the cat.

Task One - All Groups

Copy these sentences into your book and put the speech marks in the correct places. Remember: The speech marks go around what is being said. Copy all the other punctuation correctly.

1. Hello, said the man.
2. What are you doing? said Fred.
3. Stop! shouted the policeman.
4. Wait a minute, said Mark. Don't I know you from somewhere?
5. I know what we'll do, said Lucy. We'll go to the pictures.

Task Two - Red and orange - complete to number 4

Put the speech marks in the correct places once again. This time, however, you will also need to add all the other punctuation that is needed as well. Watch out for any questions or exclamations.

1. Hello said Greg
2. You look tired said Martin
3. Can I come in asked the man
4. No screamed the man
5. Come here said Grandma I want to see how much you have grown
6. Is that my bag asked Daniel I thought I'd lost it

Task Three - Yellow and purple must compete

How many other words can you think of that you could use instead of the word 'said'. Write down at least five other words for said.