

In writing, we show what a character is saying by adding **inverted commas** or **speech marks** (" ") before and after the words a character says. For example:

"I went there yesterday," said the man.

The words between the inverted commas (in **bold**) are what the man says. If the direct speech isn't a question or an exclamation sentence, then before **closing the inverted commas**, you usually place a comma (,) to separate what was said from who said it.

Add inverted commas to the sentences below. Don't forget to add the comma too.

1. We went to Spain on holiday said Charlie.
2. I like to cast wicked spells laughed the evil witch.
3. I saw the new film at the cinema last week said Jake.
4. I had cereal for my breakfast today Susie stated.
5. You go that way whispered Harriet to her friend.
6. My favourite drink is lemonade pronounced the boy.
7. I'm going to see my Grandma muttered Little Red Riding Hood.
8. Hello from the International Space Station uttered Tim.
9. Put down your pencils and look this way demanded the teacher.

When writing direct speech, you should always insert an appropriate punctuation mark before the closing inverted commas. You can use a **comma** (,) a **question mark** (?) or an **exclamation mark** (!). A ? is used at the end of questions and a ! is for sentences that are exclamations, or that show shock or surprise. For example:

"Wow!" shouted the girl.

In each of the sentences below, choose which would be the most appropriate punctuation (, ! or ?) and add it to the sentence before the closing inverted commas.

1. "I will blow the house down " roared the big, bad wolf.
2. "What planet is this " asked the alien when he landed.
3. "I'll see you later " said Dad as he left the house.
4. "Stop " shouted the policeman to the burglar.
5. "My job is collecting teeth " the Tooth Fairy said.
6. "Can I have a toy castle for my birthday " begged the boy.
7. "You're only allowed to have three wishes " stated the magic genie.

Below you will find some comic strip pictures with speech bubbles. Write a sentence for each picture containing direct speech. The first one has been done for you. You can also use the following said words to help you write your sentences.

said	asked	shouted	whispered
moaned	muttered	cried	yelled



"I won!" shouted the woman as she jumped into the air.






