

Year 4 English Assessment: Using Speech Marks

Learning objective: To use inverted commas (speech marks) correctly to punctuate direct speech.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank if you need help with spelling. Remember to put your speech marks around the words that are actually spoken.

Max the monkey was in the forest. He saw his friend Pip the caterpillar. Max shouted, 'Hello Pip!' Pip replied, 'I am reading a book.'

Word bank: speech marks · inverted commas · spoken · capital letter · punctuation · inside

1. What is another name for speech marks? (Hint: They are also called i _ _ _ _ _ c _ _ _ _ _.) (1 mark)

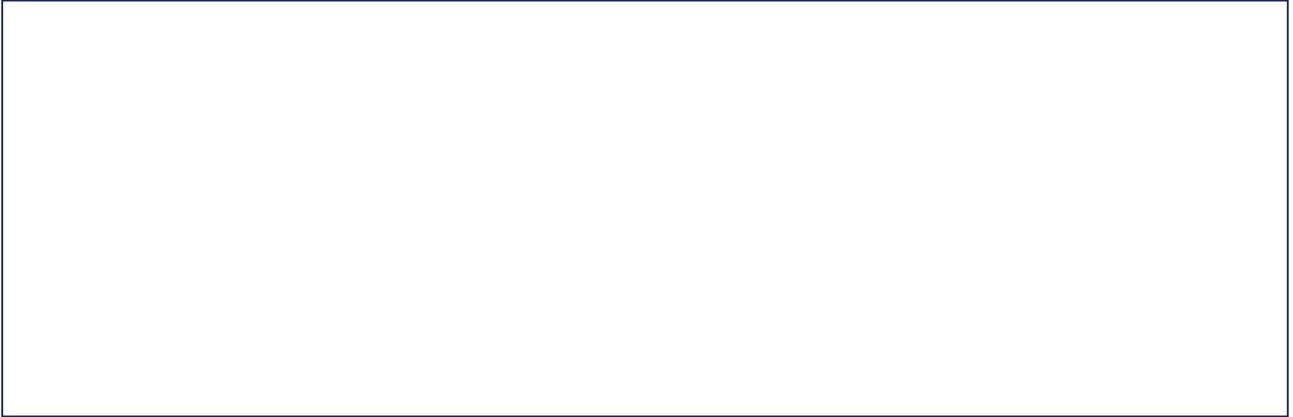
2. Where do the speech marks go? Tick the correct box: [] Around the whole sentence [] Only around the words being spoken. (2 marks)

3. Look at this sentence: Max said I love maths. Rewrite the sentence with the correct speech marks and a capital letter for the first word spoken. (3 marks)

4. Pip said, 'I like to read.' Change this sentence so that Pip says, 'This book is fun.' (4 marks)

5. Write a short conversation between Max and Pip. Max says he has found a new puzzle. Pip says he wants to help. Remember to use speech marks for both characters. (15 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Max the monkey talking to Pip the caterpillar. Use a speech bubble to show what they are saying to each other.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Can you add a reporting clause to your conversation, like 'asked Max' or 'whispered Pip'?