

Mastering Speech Marks with Max!

Max the Monkey's Guide: Put the words people say inside the speech marks!

- 1. Inverted commas go at the very start and the very end of the spoken words.
- 2. Always put a comma inside the speech marks before you close them, if the sentence continues.
- 3. Start the spoken word with a capital letter, even if it is in the middle of a sentence.
- 4. Use a new line every time a different person starts to speak.
- 5. Punctuation like full stops, question marks, or exclamation marks must go inside the speech marks.

Did you know? Did you know? Speech marks are like a tiny hug for the words that come out of a character's mouth! They show the reader exactly what was said out loud.

Key vocabulary: Inverted commas · Direct speech · Punctuation · Dialogue · Reporting clause