

Max's Maths Shop: Using Speech Marks

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

Read the opening sentence. Then, help Max the monkey write his story. Use the speech marks (“ ”) to show exactly what the characters say. Remember to put a comma before you close the speech marks!

Max the monkey stood behind his shop counter and looked at his friend, Pip the caterpillar.

Word bank: said · replied · shouted · asked · whispered · exclaimed · then · next · after that

1. Max wants to tell Pip the price of a ruler. How does Max start the conversation? Start with: Max said, “... (2 marks)

2. Pip needs to check if he has enough money. What does Pip ask Max? Start with: Pip asked, “... (2 marks)

3. Max tells Pip the ruler costs £2.50. How does Max answer? Start with: Max replied, “... (2 marks)

4. Pip is very happy to buy it. What does Pip say next? Start with: Pip exclaimed, “... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you write one more sentence where a character whispers a secret? Remember to use your speech marks!