

Y3 Inverted Commas

KS2 English · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

Add inverted commas: I am tired, said Mo.

Step 1 · Find the exact words Mo said

I am tired,

Step 2 · Put inverted commas round them, with the comma inside

“I am tired,” said Mo.

Answer: “I am tired,” said Mo.

Check: said Mo is not spoken, so it stays outside.

2. Now try one with the steps

Add inverted commas: Is it home time? asked Lily.

Step 1 · Spoken words

Step 2 · Open before Is, close after the question mark

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What are inverted commas used for?

2. Which words are spoken? “Let's go swimming,” said Kai.

3. Which words are spoken? Mum said, “Brush your teeth.”

4. Add inverted commas: I love dogs, said Ruby.

5. Add inverted commas: Help! shouted Sam.

6. Add inverted commas: Can I play? asked Jamal.

7. Add inverted commas: Gran said, It is raining.

8. Does the punctuation at the end of the spoken words go inside or outside the inverted commas?

9. Correct this: "The bus is late said Ms Clarke."

10. Correct this: Ollie asked, "can we have chips?"

11. Which sentence needs inverted commas? A) Ellie said she was cold. B) I am cold, said Ellie.

12. Write a better verb than said: "Shh, the baby is asleep," ____ Dad.

13. Turn this into direct speech: A wolf says 'I am very hungry.'

14. Write a sentence where two characters speak. Start a new line for the second speaker.

4. Before you hand it in

"I like cake said Harry."

"I like cake," said Harry.

"Where are you"? asked Mum.

"Where are you?" asked Mum. Punctuation at the end of speech goes inside.

Putting inverted commas round reported speech: Jo said "that she was hungry."

Jo said that she was hungry. (no inverted commas) / "I am hungry," said Jo.

Forgetting to close the inverted commas.

Inverted commas come in pairs: one to open, one to close.