

Speech Punctuation

Speech Marks

Speech marks: “hello!” show us when somebody is talking. There are exceptions to the rule, namely plays, but most of the time these are good indicators to aid our reading and they also help to make our writing intentions clear and easy to understand.

Task One

‘Said’ is a common word used to show when people are speaking in stories etc.... Think of 10 (or more) different, more interesting words and write them in your book.

Task Two

Choose 5 of the words you have written for task one and put them into sentences using speech to show me you can use them in context.

Can you try three different ways? For example:

“How many slices of pizza would you like?” Mrs Haffey asked. (speaker last)

Mrs Haffey asked Ryan, “How many slices of pizza would you like?” (speaker first)

“I’m wondering...” Mrs Haffey paused, “How many slices of pizza you might manage today?” (break in speech).

Task Three

Copy these sentences into your books. Put the speech marks in the correct places.

1. Stand there! Mrs Haffey shouted.
2. Phil cried, watch out for that door!
3. Please don’t hurt me, begged the little man.
4. The crowd chanted United! United!
5. Run! The house is on fire! Shouted the pig.
6. Tim asked, what’s the date please?
7. Is it nearly dinner? Asked Anna. I’m starving.
8. You’re early, said the waiter. Your table isn’t quite ready.
9. I can’t play out tonight, explained Rachel. I’ve got too much homework to do.
10. Don’t answer me back, snapped Tony. You’ll only make me angrier.

Remember speech marks **go around** the parts of the sentence which are being spoken.

Check you have included the right punctuation (, . ? !) **inside** of your speech marks.

Speech marks can also be called quotation marks or inverted commas.

Begin what is spoken with a **capital letter**.

Remember- **new speaker = new line**.

Remember a comma between the reporting clause and direct speech.

check using: **two on the top and two on the floor** (punctuation marks).

Max said, “Let’s go on a picnic!”

“Great idea,” Ben replied.