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Year 3 English

Punctuating speech.

I can use inverted commas to punctuate speech.

Inverted commas go around the words someone says. The full stop, comma, question mark or exclamation mark at the end of the spoken words goes **inside** them: "Hello," said Gran.

1 Practise

Add the inverted commas.

Can we go to the park? asked Mia.

I have found a shell! shouted Leo.

It is time for bed, said Dad.

Grandma whispered, The baby is asleep.

Where are my wellies? wondered Sam.

2 Use It

A cat starts talking to you on the way to school. Write what you both say, using inverted commas.

3 Spot The Mistake

Tick the one that is right. Fix the other two.

- ☐ "I love pizza said Ava."
- ☐ "Look out!" yelled Tom.
- ☐ "The bus is late", said Mum.



☆ Challenge

Add inverted commas to **Jack said Ella was late** in two different ways, so it means two different things. Who is talking each time?

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For grown-ups: how to help, and the answers.

How To Help

- Read their sentences aloud in a character voice. Where your voice changes is where the inverted commas go.
- Look for speech in the book you are reading together and point out where the commas and question marks sit.
- Ask them to write a short chat between two of their toys, one line each, then check the punctuation together.

Practise

1. "Can we go to the park?" asked Mia.
2. "I have found a shell!" shouted Leo.
3. "It is time for bed," said Dad.
4. Grandma whispered, "The baby is asleep."
5. "Where are my wellies?" wondered Sam.

Use It

1. Any lines where each piece of speech has inverted commas and its end punctuation inside them.

Spot The Mistake

1. "I love pizza," said Ava. (the closing marks go after pizza,)
2. Right as it is.
3. "The bus is late," said Mum. (the comma goes inside)

Challenge

1. Jack said, "Ella was late." (Jack is talking, about Ella)
2. "Jack," said Ella, "was late." (Ella is talking, about Jack)