

I can use speech marks commas  
to punctuate direct speech.

# What are speech marks?

Speech marks are punctuation marks that show what somebody has said.

They are also called inverted commas, because they are commas that are inverted or reversed to go around the spoken words or dialogue.

# Small steps for success:

1. Put “ ” around what words the speaker says.
2. A new speech sentence starts with a capital letter (even if it is the middle of another sentence).
3. Separate what was said from speaker with a comma unless there is already a ? or an !
4. Start a new line if a sentence has a new speaker saying something.

"This was interesting," said Mrs Pattinson.



The shadow hissed,  
"Go away!"



"Where are we?" asked Jenny.





On your whiteboards, can you punctuate the speech in this sentence correctly.

The man shouted  
get out of the way!



The man shouted, "Get out of the way!"

Now can you work out what is wrong with the punctuation in these sentences. Can you rewrite them correctly?

Don't forget to use the success criteria!

1. "Give me the chocolate" said Dan.

"Give me the chocolate," said Dan.

2. Gary asked, "shall I go next."

Gary asked, "Shall I go next?"

3. "Sam didn't finish his work, said Max."

"Sam didn't finish his work," said Max.

4. The girl snarled "you'll be sorry!"

The girl snarled, "You'll be sorry!"