

Inverted Commas	
Rules for punctuating speech	Example
✓ Use a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence.	"Hi Mum!" said Luke.
✓ Put inverted commas around the spoken words.	"I love this song!" exclaimed Mariam.
✓ Tell the reader which person is speaking .	"Let's go to the shop!" suggested Dad.
✓ Used a synonym for said .	"Can we bring our pets?" queried Tim.
✓ Put punctuation BEFORE the closing speech marks .	"Who's still making a noise?" asked the teacher.
✓ Use the ' New Speaker, New Line ' Rule.	"It's such a lovely day," said Mum, "Shall we go for a swim in the sea?" "That sounds like a great idea!" agreed Dad.

We use inverted commas when we are writing to show what somebody has said. It is very important to also write who has been talking.

Example :



"I love my ship," said Salty.

Copy the sentences and put the inverted commas in the correct places:

1. What time is it? asked Salty.
2. Can I sweep the decks? asked Cato.
3. I would like swig of Grog please, said Blye.
4. That costs 12 gold coins said the shop-keeper.
5. Would you like to hoist the flag? asked the Captain.
6. John hit me, said Henry.
7. Where is the cheese? asked Patch.
8. It is time to go to the island, said the Captain.
9. I want chicken for dinner, said Toothless
10. What is 10 + 2? asked Byrne
11. Hooray shouted the crew
12. Time to walk the plank shouted Sid.