

A note to parents: Direct speech is punctuated with inverted commas which are sometimes called speech marks or quotation marks. They are placed around direct speech to show the reader what a person says. Inverted commas can be either: single ‘ ’ or double “ ”.

“What’s for lunch?” asked Sally.

The inverted commas are placed around the speech (including the punctuation) and are usually followed – or preceded by – a reporting clause. This is the part of the sentence that tells the reader who is speaking, such as **‘asked Sally’**.

# Using Speech Punctuation

## Practise in Independent Writing

Look at this scene below.

- What do you think is happening?
- What might the children be saying to each other?

Write a short description about each of the scenes below. You must include direct speech in each description and include the correct punctuation such as inverted commas. The first one has been done for you.



During first lesson, Rory and Isobel worked together on their history research project.

"We're never going to get this finished in the next ten minutes," muttered Rory quietly so that Miss Roper wouldn't hear.

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