

Speech marks

In stories, characters often speak so we need to make sure we punctuate the way that they speak so that we know who says what and how they say it.

There are some golden rules for speech:

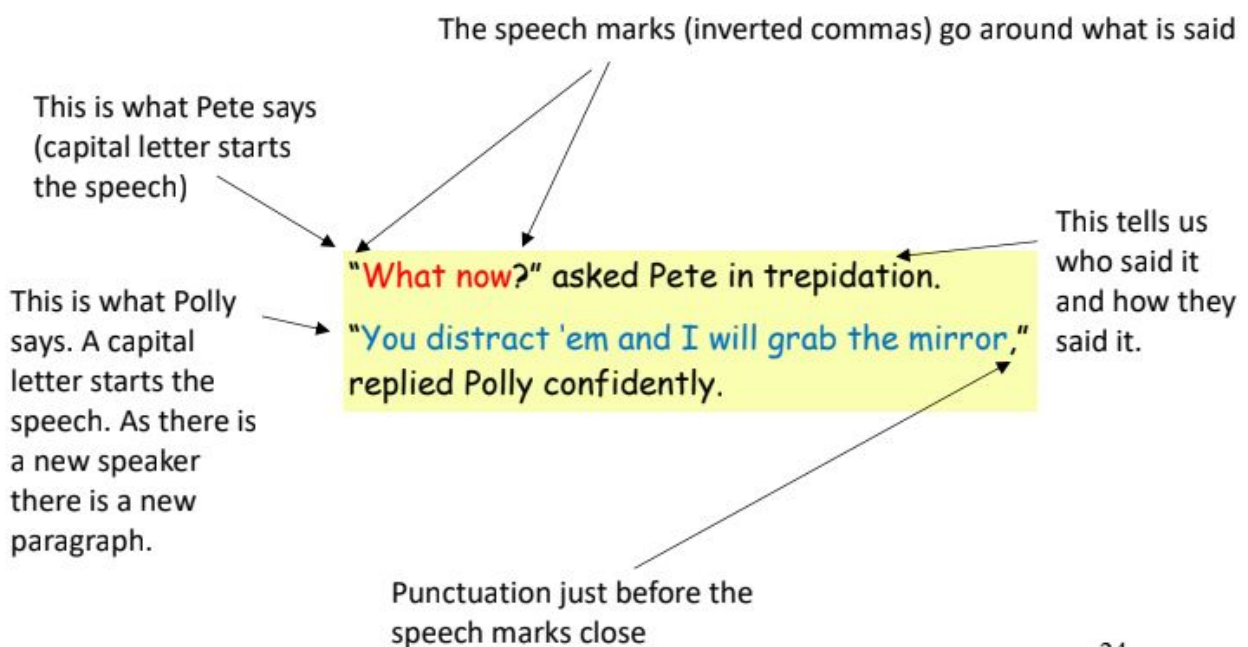
- 1) Put inverted commas (“ ”) around what is actually said.
- 2) Begin a new line (paragraph) for every new speaker.
- 3) Always begin a new piece of speech with a capital letter.
- 4) Always put some punctuation at the end of the speech – it could be a . , ! or ? depending on what you’ve written.

Have a look at my example:



“What now?” asked Pete in trepidation.

“You distract 'em and I will grab the mirror,” replied Polly confidently.



Using the example and golden rules, can you punctuate these sentences correctly.



Dodgy Rodger

Raucous Reggie



Can you write your own sentences for when somebody speaks and another character answers. Make sure you use the golden rules of punctuation.