ENGLISH · YEAR 7

Speech Marks and Dialogue Punctuation

Practise punctuating direct speech clearly and accurately.

Name _____ **Date** _____

> **Keep in mind** Use inverted commas to show the spoken words, and check where commas and other punctuation belong.

1 Add the missing punctuation

Rewrite each sentence with capital letters, inverted commas and all necessary punctuation.

a I think we should leave now whispered Maya

b where did you put my sketchbook asked Leo

c stop shouted the coach the bus is moving

d I can't believe we've won the final said Aisha

2 Place the speech tag

Rewrite each sentence. The reporting clause interrupts the spoken words.

We should take the earlier train suggested Mum because the roads may be busy

The answer is forty-two replied Sam but I can show my working

3 Punctuate a short dialogue

Rewrite the exchange, adding inverted commas and all other punctuation.

I heard a noise from the shed said Nia
Was it an animal asked Tom
I don't know but it sounded very close replied Nia

4 Write your own dialogue

Write a four-line exchange between two characters. Include a question, an exclamation and at least one speech tag.