

Punctuating direct speech

Inverted commas are used to show direct speech in your writing; they are places before and after the words a character say. For example:

"Pass the sauce," said Jill.

If the direct speech isn't a question or an exclamation sentence, then before closing the **inverted commas**, you usually place a **comma** (,) to separate what was said from who said it.

Read the sentences below and tick the sentence which is punctuated correctly using inverted commas. (Think: Which words would you hear out loud spoken by someone? You could highlight them to help you.)

1. "I don't like carrots," said the little girl. ☐

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2. "It's time for bed, said" Dad. ☐

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3. Write the date in your book, the teacher told "the children." ☐

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Challenge: Oh no! These sentences have not been punctuated correctly! Can you add the missing punctuation? (Don't forget to add the comma)

1. We went to Spain on holiday said Charlie.

2. I like to cast wicked spells laughed the evil witch.

3. I saw the new film at the cinema last week said Jake.

4. I had cereal for my breakfast today Susie stated.

5. You go that way whispered Harriet to her friend.

Rounding to the nearest 10, 100 or 1,000

Round the following numbers to the nearest 10.

44 →	95 →	1983 →
78 →	123 →	5623 →
16 →	176 →	9012 →
3 →	299 →	7995 →
89 →	364 →	6003 →
32 →	782 →	5786 →

Round the following numbers to the nearest 100km.

Places	Distance	Rounded to the Nearest 100km
Budapest to Zagreb	345km	
Milan to Barcelona	824km	
Bucharest to Sarajevo	796km	
London to Berlin	1050km	
Vienna to Amsterdam	1069km	

Round the following numbers to the nearest 1000km.

Places	Distance	Rounded to the Nearest 1000km
London to New York	5540km	
Rio De Janeiro to Madrid	8140km	
Cape Town to Rome	8450km	
Perth to Sydney	3300km	