

WALT Punctuate Direct Speech Accurately

What are inverted commas?

Inverted commas are punctuation marks that show the reader that a character has spoken. They are commas that are sometimes inverted (turned upside down) and reversed to go around the spoken words or dialogue.

“ ”

WAGOLL:

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This was
fascinating.

Mrs Green



“This was fascinating,” said Mrs Green.

Mrs Green said, “ This was fascinating.”

Lily



Where is my
skipping rope?

“Where is my skipping rope?” asked Lily.

Lily asked, “Where is my skipping rope?”

On your whiteboards, can you punctuate the speech in this sentence correctly?

Simon

Come quickly!



Simon shouted, “Come quickly!”

“Come quickly!” shouted Simon.

Now put the speech marks and correct punctuation in the correct places in these sentences.

Don't forget to use the WAGOLL!

1. what time is it asked Ernie (5)

"What time is it?" asked Ernie.

2. Kara whispered it's a secret (5)

Kara whispered, "It's a secret."

3. the manager yelled fetch me the box quickly (6)

The manager yelled, "Fetch me the box quickly!"

4. i feel really thirsty gasped Liam (5)

"I feel really thirsty," gasped Liam.

Now see if you can spot what is wrong with the punctuation in these sentences.
Can you rewrite them correctly?

Don't forget to use the WAGOLL!

1. "Give me the chocolate" said Harry

"Give me the chocolate," said Harry.

2. Cara asked, "shall I go next."

Cara asked, "Shall I go next?"

3. "Steve didn't finish his work, Said Karl."

"Steve didn't finish his work," said Karl.

4. The girl snarled "you'll be sorry!"

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