

# Speech Marks

# Lesson Objective

**To improve punctuation accuracy.**

# Success Criteria

- To be able to understand why we use speech marks.
- To be able to use speech marks accurately.

# What Are Speech Marks?

- They look like this:

**“ ”**

- You might remember them as ‘66 and 99’.
- When you see them in a text, you can tell that someone is speaking.



# Where Do We Put Them?

- Speech marks go around the **actual words** somebody speaks.
- They go at the beginning, when they start to speak, and at the end, when they stop.

**Example:** *“Get to bed!” Mum shouted. “I will not tolerate such bad behaviour.”*

**Example:** *“Can I have a drink please?” the little girl asked.*



# Capital Beginning

- You also need to remember to begin all new speech with a **capital letter**, like you're starting a new sentence.

## **Example:**

*Mark was amazed, “**W**hat on earth can it be?” The light still hung in the sky, bigger and brighter than any star.*

*“**L**et's get out of here,” William replied.*



# Summary

- Speech marks go at the **beginning and end** of the words someone speaks.
- The first word inside the speech marks always has a **capital letter**, unless it is continuous speech.



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