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# Direct Speech

When we write down the exact words that someone has spoken we call this **direct speech**.

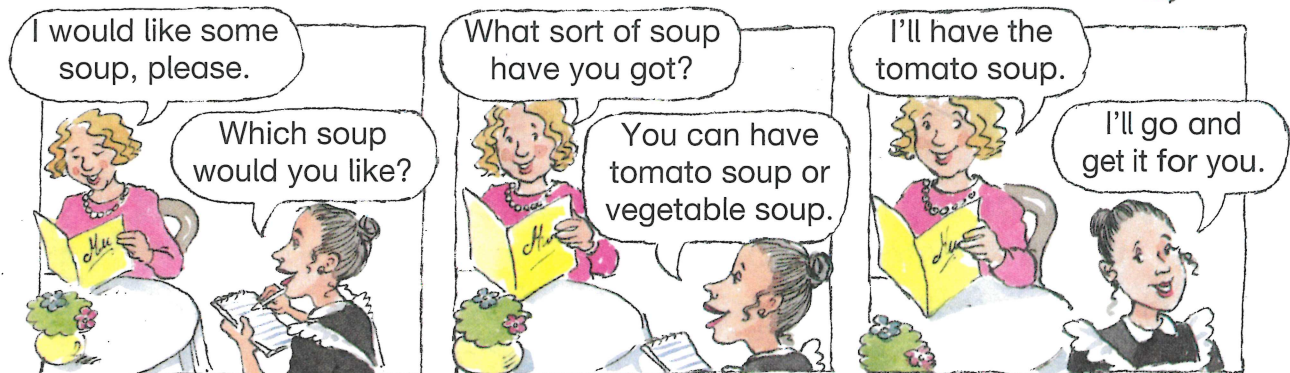
We use **inverted commas** to mark the **beginning** and **end** of what the person said. These are inverted commas: “ ”

The waitress said, “**Here is your soup.**”

This is exactly what the waitress said.  
Everything she said goes **inside** the **inverted commas**.



## Practice



Copy these sentences, putting in the inverted commas.

1. The lady said, “I would like some soup, please.”
2. The waitress asked, “Which soup would you like?”
3. The lady replied, “What sort of soup have you got?”
4. The waitress said, “You can have tomato soup or vegetable soup.”
5. The lady said, “I’ll have the tomato soup.”
6. The waitress replied, “I’ll go and get it for you.”

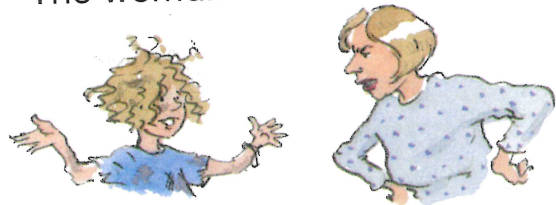
## Making sure

Copy the sentences, putting in what you think each person is saying.



1. The doctor asked, " \_\_\_\_\_ "   
 The child replied, " \_\_\_\_\_ "

2. The man shouted, " \_\_\_\_\_ "   
 The woman shouted back, " \_\_\_\_\_ "



3. Dan said, " \_\_\_\_\_ "   
 Lisa answered, " \_\_\_\_\_ "

4. Mrs Franks asked, " \_\_\_\_\_ "   
 Joanne replied, " \_\_\_\_\_ "

## Practise your punctuation

Punctuate these sentences correctly.

1. The troll roared, "Why are you walking on my bridge?"   
 Dan replied, "I'm walking because I can't fly!"
2. The car mechanic said, "There's a problem with the steering wheel."   
 Mrs Monk asked, "Can you mend it by Saturday?"
3. Mr Ford said, "You can have hamburger, pizza, curry or fish fingers for tea."   
 John answered, "I'll have hamburger and chips please."
4. The teacher asked, "Where do you think you're going?"   
 Beth said, "I'm going home for dinner."
5. Jo asked, "What do you call someone who has jelly and custard in their ears?"   
 Carra said, "I don't know."   
 Jo smiled and said, "A trifle deaf!"

