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You need to open your quotation marks with a “ (66) before the first word which is being spoken.

You need to close your quotation marks with a ” (99) after the last word which is being spoken.

Imagine that quotation marks are like hands; they hold within them only the words which are being spoken.

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Punctuation

There are two places where other forms of punctuation are needed when writing direct speech:

“What’s the matter, Dina?” said Sid.

You need to end the speaking with

- a comma
- a question mark, if it is a question
- an exclamation mark, if it is an exclamation

You will need to finish your sentence with *a full stop* after the reporting clause.

Examples of other punctuation in direct speech are:

“How exciting it is!” exclaimed Sarah.

“I don’t know what to do,” said Sayeed.

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Froggy Freeze Frame

Write what each frog is saying using the correct speech punctuation...

