

Grammar Activities

Inverted commas revision links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb/articles/ztcp97h>

<https://www.greenhill.leeds.sch.uk/inverted-commas/>

Colon revision:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zmfc7ty/articles/z6cxxyyc>

Warming up *

1. Copy these sentences into your books putting the inverted commas in the right places.
 - a. The boy said, I would like to go home now.
 - b. The lady asked, why do you want to go so soon?
 - c. I don't feel very well, the boy replied.
 - d. The lady whispered, are you missing your mum?
 - e. The boy looked at her and muttered, you won't tell anyone will you?
 - f. The lady winked and answered, of course not silly.

Feeling confident **

Q1.

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Our parents always say "work hard and do your best."

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1 mark

Q2.

Rewrite the sentence below as **direct speech**.
Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

I asked her if she needed any help.

I asked, _____

1 mark

Q3.

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Abdul called out, "will you come and help me?"

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1 mark

Q4.

Tick two boxes to show where the missing **inverted commas** should go.

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Roman life was unlike modern life, the archaeologist said.

1 mark

Q5.

Rewrite the sentence below as **direct speech**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

She asked if he wanted a banana.

She asked him, _____

1 mark

Q6.

Add the missing **inverted commas** to the passage below.

Maya whispered , I can see a baby hedgehog ! Keep
quiet so we don't scare it .

1 mark

Q7.

Which sentence uses **inverted commas** correctly?

Tick **one**.

“Follow me! shouted the tour leader.”

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“Follow me! “shouted the tour leader.”

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“Follow me!” shouted the tour leader.

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“Follow me”! shouted the tour leader.

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1 mark

Q8.

Which sentence uses **inverted commas** correctly?

Tick **one**.

- “Mr Nelson asked, Who is responsible for the sports equipment?”

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1 mark

Q9.

Put the astronomer’s words into direct speech.

The astronomer said it was his ambition to discover as much as possible about our solar system.

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Challenge ***

Q10.

Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Joshua had mastered two new skateboarding skills he could do
a perfect aerial jump and execute a complete 180 degree turn.

1 mark

Q11.

Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

There are two places that I have always wanted to visit the
Arctic and Antarctica.

1 mark

Q12.

Tick one box to show the correct place for a **colon** in the sentence below.

Tom needed to think carefully about his homework it

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looked very difficult.

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1 mark

Q13.

Which sentence uses the **colon** correctly?

Tick **one**.

I bought several beach toys a bucket: a spade a ball and a kite.

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I bought several: beach toys, a bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite.

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1 mark

Q14.

Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The school offered three clubs for its pupils art and craft, dance and chess.

1 mark

Answers

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Q1.

Award 1 mark for the correct box ticked.

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1 mark

Q2.

Award 1 mark for an appropriate, grammatically correct and accurately punctuated sentence in direct speech, e.g.

- I asked, "Do you need any help?"
- I asked, 'Do you need me to help you?'
- I asked, "Is any help needed?"
- I asked, "Would you like me to help you?"
- I asked, "Do you need any help with that?"
- I asked, 'Rosie, do you need me to help you?'

1 mark

Q3.

Abdul called out, "Will you come and help me?" ☒

1 mark

Q4.

☒ Roman life was very unlike modern life, ☒ the archaeologist said. ☐

1 mark

Q5.

Award 1 mark for a correctly punctuated response, e.g.

- She asked him, “*Do you want a banana?*”

Also accept minor errors that preserve the basic meaning, e.g.

- She asked him, “*Would you like a banana?*”
- She asked him, “*Do you want bananas?*”

1 mark

Q6.

Award 1 mark for correctly placed inverted commas.

Maya whispered, “I can see a baby hedgehog! Keep quiet so we don’t scare it.”

1 mark

Q7.

“Follow me!” shouted the tour leader.

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Q8.

Mr Nelson asked, “Who is responsible for the sports equipment?”

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Q9.

Award **1 mark** for transformation to the first person and isolation of the spoken words, eg:

- *It is my ambition to discover as much as possible about our solar system.*
- *It is my hope to uncover as much about the solar system as I can, said the astronomer.*

Award **1 further mark** for correct punctuation of speech, using internal punctuation and inverted commas, eg:

- *The astronomer said, "It is my ambition to discover as much as possible about our solar system."*
- *"I want to learn all the secrets of the solar system. That is my goal."*

For the award of the further mark, **do not accept** inverted commas used without supporting punctuation, or wrongly placed in relation to supporting punctuation, eg:

- *The astronomer said "it is my ambition to discover as much as possible about our solar system"*

Up to 2 marks

Challenge answers ***

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