

**Using speech marks:** Read the information below about how to use speech marks (which are also known as inverted commas).

## Inverted Commas

There are two places where inverted commas are needed when writing direct speech:

“What’s the matter, Dina?” said Sid.

**Inverted Commas**



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

**Inverted Commas**

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

Imagine that inverted commas are like hands;  
They hold within them **only** the words which are being spoken.

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“What’s the matter, Dina?”” said Sid.

## 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.

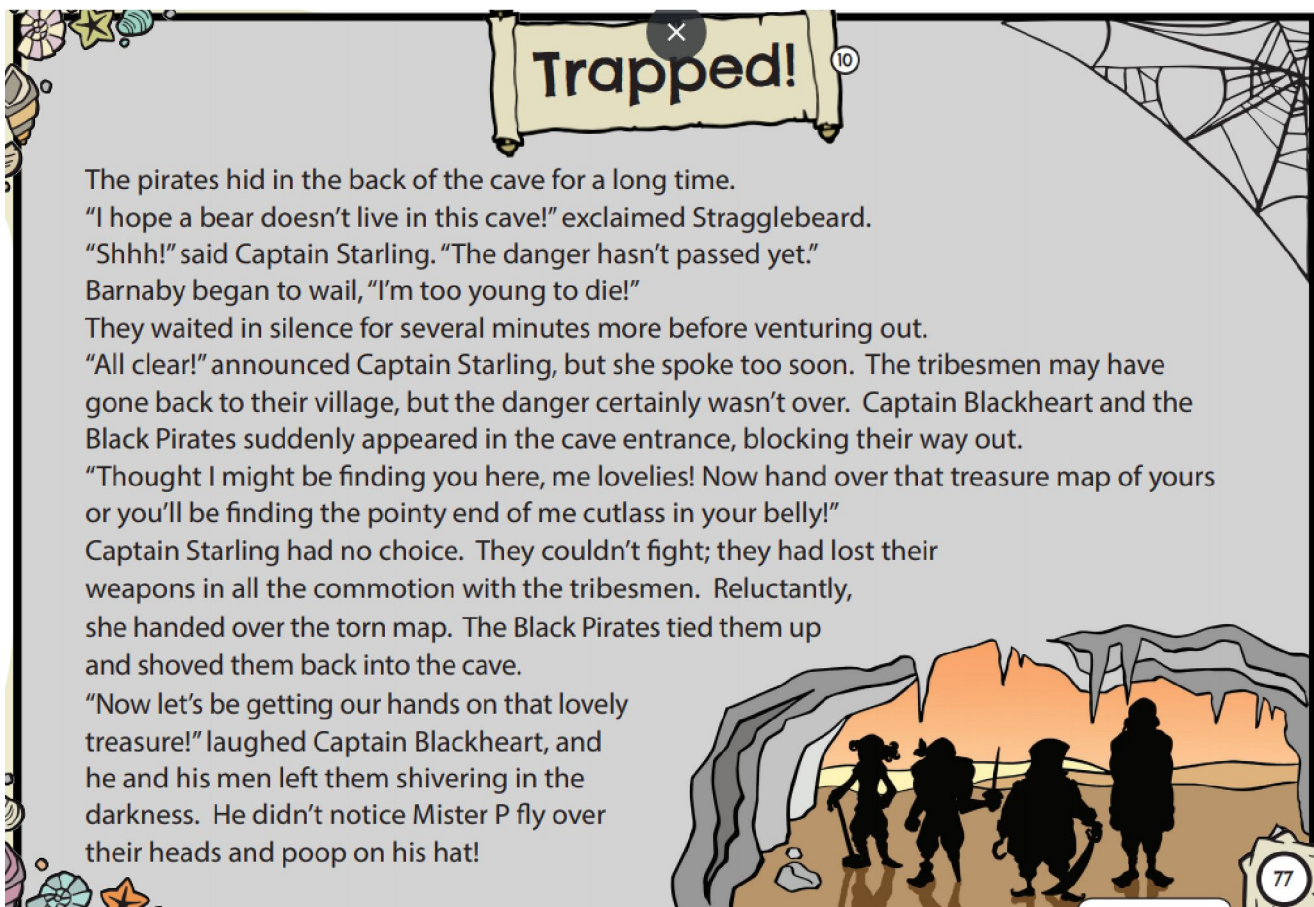
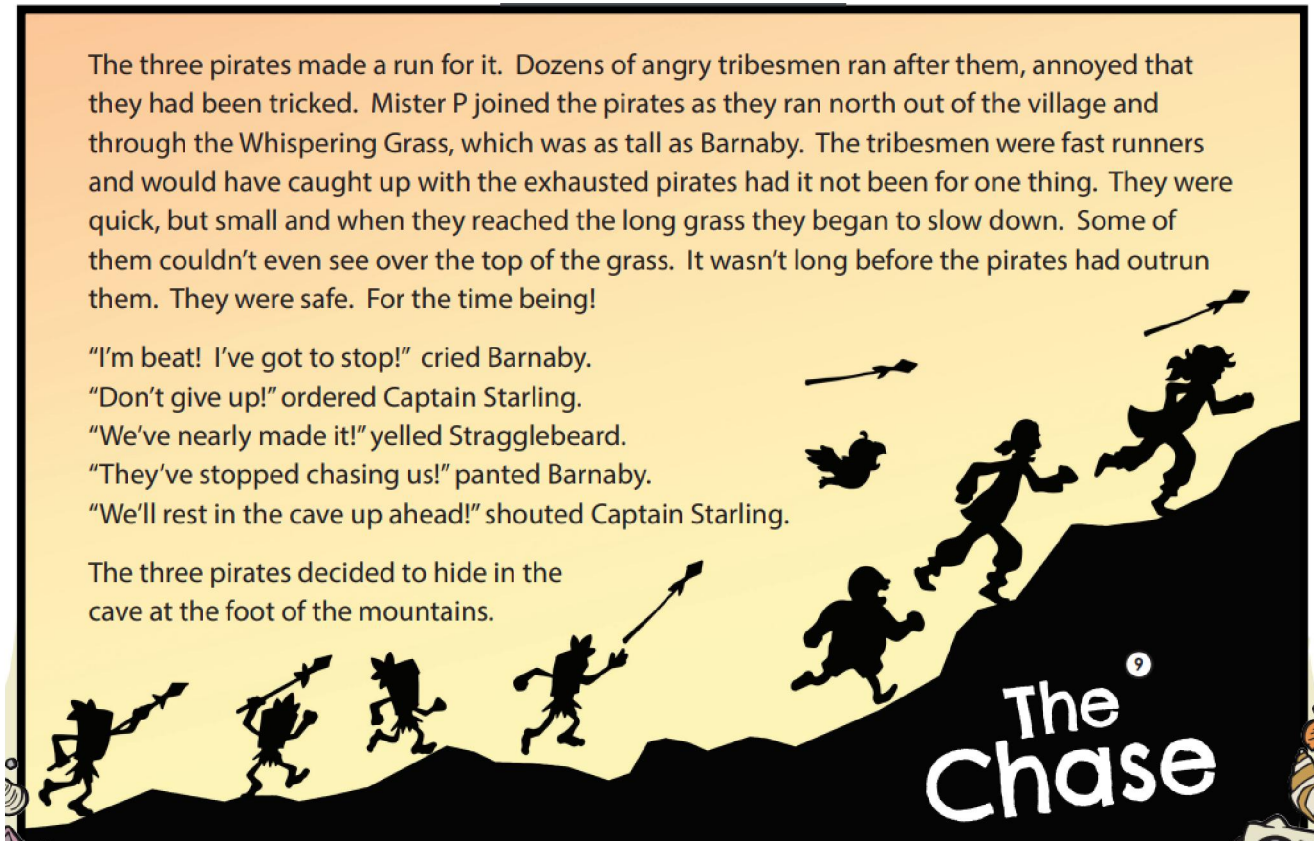
You will need to finish your sentence with a full stop after the reporting clause.

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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1. Read Chapter 9 ('The Chase') and Chapter 10 ('Trapped!') below:




## Activity:

Complete the sheet below, writing the corrected sentences out into your book. You will need to use speech marks (inverted commas) to correctly punctuate the spoken part in each sentence. You also need to add in any missing capital letters and make sure the sentence ends with a full stop.

**Red Pirates**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I can write direct speech with speech marks.



Rewrite these sentences correctly using speech marks (inverted commas) and other punctuation. The speech has been written in bold to help you.

- captain blackheart jeered **i knew that treasure was mine**  
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- helmsman horace asked **what has happened to the corner of the map**  
.....
- tooth groaned **we won't be able to find the treasure now**  
.....
- captain blackheart replied **it will just mean a bit more digging**  
.....
- stragglebeard whimpered **we are all going to die**  
.....
- Write some speech for Captain Starling with the speech at the end of the sentence.  
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**Extension** Now write some speech for the rest of the pirates.

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**ANSWERS ON THE NEXT PAGE (FOR AN ADULT TO USE TO MARK YOUR WORK)**

**Trapped!** – *Direct speech*

**Answers to pages 77 – 80**

Captain Blackheart jeered, "I knew that treasure was mine!"

Helmsman Horace asked, "What has happened to the corner of the map?"

Tooth groaned, "We won't be able to find the treasure now!"

Captain Blackheart replied, "It will just mean a bit more digging."

Stragglebeard whimpered, "We are all going to die!"