

## Grammar – Inverted Commas

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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.



Roman life was unlike modern life, the archaeologist said.

1 mark

**Q5.**

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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2 marks

**Q6.**

Which sentence uses **inverted commas** correctly?

Tick **one**.

- "Follow me! shouted the tour leader."
- "Follow me! "shouted the tour leader."
- "Follow me!" shouted the tour leader.
- "Follow me"! shouted the tour leader.

1 mark

Q7.

Replace the underlined words in the sentences below with their **expanded forms**.

We're going into town later, so I'll buy some bread then.

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↓

We won't be back late.

↓

1 mark

Q8.

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

Q9.

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

## Mark schemes

### Q1.

Award **1 mark** for the correct box ticked.

Our parents always say, "Work hard and do your best."

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 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

Q6.

“Follow me!” shouted the tour leader.

  
  
  

1 mark

Q7.

**Award 1 mark** for the correct expanded form inserted into each box.

We're going into town later, so I'll buy some bread then.

↓  
We are

↓  
I will / I shall

We won't be back late.

↓  
will not

**Do not accept** the pronoun 'I' without a capital letter.

1 mark

Q8.

**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

Q9.

**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