

Speech Marks

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Task 1: Fill in the speech bubbles to show what the characters are saying.

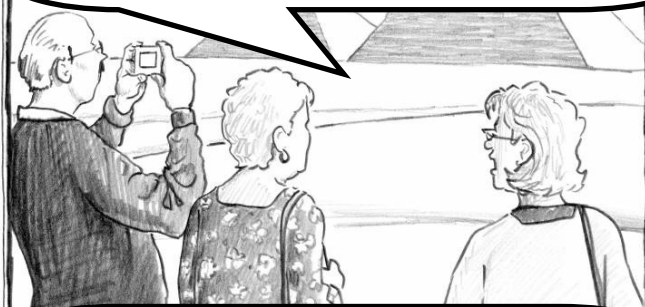


Where is everyone?

Task 2: Now write a sentence that includes this speech.

(Make sure the part being said is inside inverted commas, and you use a comma to separate the speech.)

E.g. "Where is everyone?" asked the girl as she peered around the Egyptian gardens.



Blank writing lines for Task 2.

Direct Speech - Speech Marks

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Task 3: Can you add speech marks to these sentences?

- 1) Look how much the River Nile has flooded! shouted the farmer.
- 2) How much do these amulets cost? asked the girl politely,
- 3) The pharaoh declared, This pyramid will be the greatest structure on Earth!
- 4) We're going fishing, announced the man to his wife.
- 5) The archaeologist cried out in terror, Look out! A snake!

Task 4: Can you think of a synonym of 'said' to complete each of these sentences? Use the word-bank below to help you.

- 1) The archaeologist _____, "We've found the tomb!"
- 2) "I wonder what these markings mean?" _____ the girl.
- 3) "We'd better get back to camp," _____ John.
- 4) Sophie _____, "I hope this tomb isn't haunted."
- 5) "Let's climb up to the top of the pyramid," _____ Tim.

Word-bank: 'said'

suggested exclaimed shouted whispered cried
asked murmured muttered suggested replied
mentioned stated mumbled squealed
screamed shrieked bellowed requested proposed