

## Speech Punctuation Support Sheet

### Remember

- inverted commas = speech marks
- Famous **5** (look for 5 pieces of punctuation – shown in **red** below)
- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> inverted comma goes after the other punctuation.** e.g. “Hi,” said Jo.
- Start a new line when a new person starts speaking.

### Option 1 – dialogue (speech) then narrative

e.g. “Pick up your pen,” said Mrs Burdon.

“What would you like me to write?” asked Mrs Eliff.

“Stop!” shouted Mrs Burdon to the class.

### Option 2 – narrative then dialogue (speech)

e.g. Julie asked Harry, “How old are you?”

Harry replied, “I am ten.”

Gina suddenly screamed after touching a nettle, “Ouch!”



### **More challenging** (two sentences inside the inverted commas)

“My favourite song is Baby Shark. I like the dance moves,” said Peter.

Peter said, “My favourite song is Baby Shark. I like the dance moves.”

### **Even more challenging** (broken speech)!

*When you have two separate sentences:*

“My favourite song is Baby Shark,” said Peter. “I like the dance moves.”

*When you split one sentence spoken into two parts:*

“My favourite song is Baby Shark,” said Peter, “because I like the dance moves.”