

# SPaGtacular Starters Speech Punctuation

## What You Need to Know

When we write direct speech, we use speech marks.

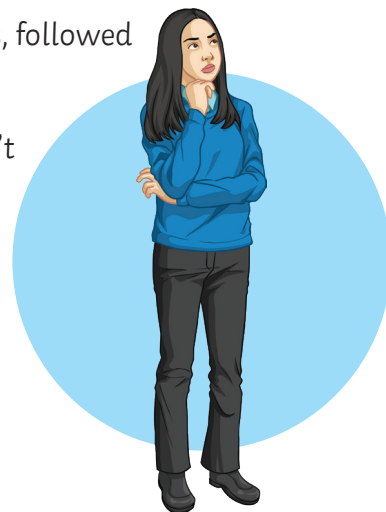
- At the end of the speech, we put a comma, then close the speech marks, followed by a speech tag such as **he said**.
- If the speech ends with a question mark or exclamation mark, we don't put a comma after it.
- If we don't include a speech tag, we can finish the speech with a full stop inside the speech marks.

e.g.

'Don't go,' he said.

'Don't go!' he said.

'Don't go.'



Have a conversation with your partner. Each of you must say one short sentence, then both write it down in a speech bubble.

Next, add speech punctuation and a speech tag, such as 'he said', 'she cried', 'he shouted', etc.

