A note to parents: Direct speech is punctuated with inverted commas which are sometimes called speech marks or quotation marks. They are placed around direct speech to show the reader what a person says. Inverted commas can be either: single ‘ ‘ or double “ “.

**“**What’s for lunch?**”** asked Sally.

The inverted commas are placed around the speech (including the punctuation) and are usually followed – or preceded by – a reporting clause. This is the part of the sentence that tells the reader who is speaking, such as ‘**asked Sally**’.

**Comic Strip Speech**



**Hold on tight! I’ll save you!**

**I will protect the castle from the dragon!**



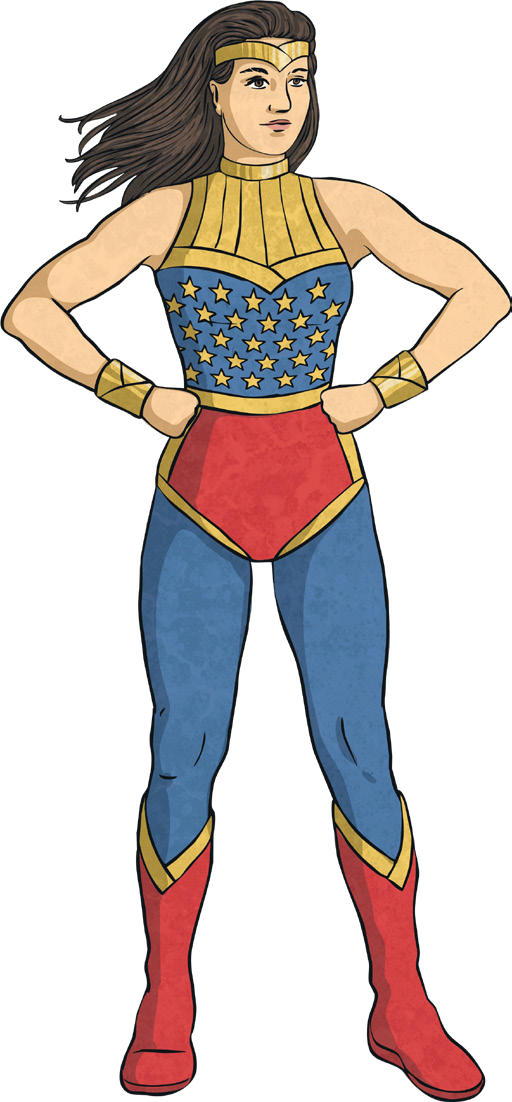
**Using Inverted Commas to Show Direct Speech**

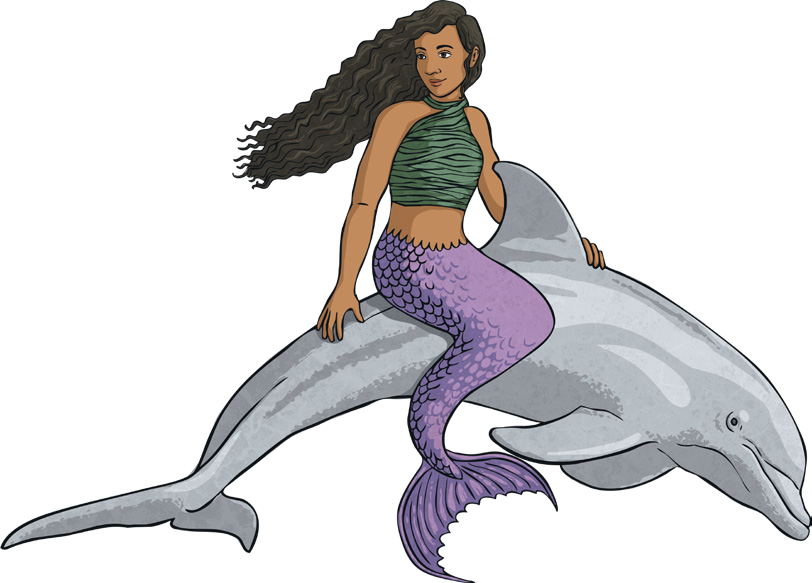
# Look at the comic strip speech bubbles below. Change each speech bubble into a speech sentence with inverted commas. The first has been done for you.



**Hold on tight! I’ll save you!**

The superhero flew through the air and shouted, “Hold on tight! I’ll save you!”





**I wonder what treasures I’ll find in the sunken ship?**



**I wonder how I solve this problem.**



**Take out your books and write the date please.**



**To be or not to be? That is the question.**



**Are you ready to order?**







**It’s safe to cross the road now.**