

Inverted Commas

aka **SPEECH MARKS** and **QUOTATION MARKS**

Placed around direct speech to show that the words within are being spoken

"Why did you go and do that?" asked Stephen.

Shows that a word or phrase is being used ironically

Tayo regarded the so-called "expert" with suspicion.

Shows that somebody else's words are being quoted

*'An absolute must-read!'
The Sunday Times*

Can be used for the title of a text

GCSE students will be studying Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'.

There are no hard and fast rules on whether to use 'single' or "double" inverted commas.

However, for speech within speech, change them up. So, **either...**
"When I said 'immediately' I meant right now!" roared the manager

or

'When I said "immediately" I meant right now!' roared the manager
As with starting a new line for each new speaker, this makes it clearer who's saying what.