Punctuating Speech

Inverted commas go at the start and end of the speech.
The first word that is spoken always has a capital letter.

capital letter

"Your hair is messy," he said.

speech marks

capital letter

Katie said, "We're going away."

speech marks

1 **Circle the words which should have a capital letter in these sentences.**

Sam asked, "do you need anything from the shop?"

Tamara said, "this is going to be the best show ever!"

Anjali said, "you can be the blue piece and I'll be the red one."

"no, we don't have any red fabric, sorry," replied the man.

Tony asked, "excuse me, where is the football match?"

"we could build a raft to get across the river," said Martha.

2 **Tick the sentences where the speech is punctuated correctly.**

Harini "asked, Where's the nearest bus stop?" ☐

"Have you put your shoes on yet?" I asked. ☐

Frankie said, "No, I haven't got any more." ☐

Kit shouted, "you're going the wrong way!" ☐

"I bet you can't catch me!" yelled Guy. ☐

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