# Public Speech Marks



From WRITING to practising to presenting SPEECHES

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PRACTISE!



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# 1 Superheroes' Welcome Speech

## **Imagine** the Speech First

**The Task**
Imagine you and your friend are the main characters in an end-of-year school play. You have been asked to make a speech to welcome parents, families and friends to the play.

**The Play**
The play is called, *109 Superhero Dalmatians*. It will be based on the popular story of *101 Dalmatians*.






**Main Characters**
You and your friend are "**King Dalmatian**" and "**Queen Dalmatian**". You are supreme superheroes.

**Humour**
Think about what kind of fun and humour you could include in the speech.

**Character Voice**
Think about the kind of voice you would use.

**Other Characters**
The other 107 dalmatians are only superheroes.

**Act in Character**
Write your speech in the character of the king and the queen.

**Character Costume**
Imagine what your character would wear.

**Character Make-up**
Imagine what make-up you would wear.

**Character Movement**
Think about how a dalmatian character would move.

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# 2 Stuck on a Speech?

## Think **Before** You Read

Think about each question before you read the answers. Question 5 will help you understand the welcome speech on pages 8 to 10.

**Q1**
Why should there be a welcome speech before a school play?

**A1**
Speeches can:

- welcome parents, families, friends and teachers
- thank people who helped with the play
- tell everyone about the play
- wish everyone a great night.

**Q2**
How long should a welcome speech be?

**A2**
About two minutes long.





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**Q3**
Where should you stand for your welcome speech?

**A3**
King Dalmatian sits beside his throne and Queen Dalmatian sits on her throne.

**Q4**
How should your superhero characters speak?

**A4**
Practise how you think your character would speak. You might use a deep, scary voice or a high, happy voice.

**Q5**
What should you say in a welcome speech?

**A5**
Most speeches are like stories. They have:

- a beginning
- a middle
- an ending.

# Read **Before** You Write

First, read this idea for a welcome speech for the play *109 Superhero Dalmatians*. As you read it, think about what you could write for your welcome speech.

## The Beginning of the Speech

**Queen Dalmatian:**
Good evening everyone! Thank you for coming tonight. Meet the Spotty Kingster.



**King Dalmatian:**
The Spotty Kingster? I told you not to call me that!

**Queen Dalmatian:**
As I was saying, we want to welcome you to our school play, *109 Superhero Dalmatians*.



**King Dalmatian:**
Grrr, yes, we welcome you. And, grrr, we want to thank our teachers and parents for helping us with our play.



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## The Middle of the Speech

**Queen Dalmatian:**
The play is our adaptation of the story, *101 Dalmatians*. We have some extra kids from Year 4, so that's why we have 109 dalmatians!



**King Dalmatian:**
Grrr, but let me tell you, the other 107 dalmatians are just superheroes. The Meany Queeny and I are the supreme superhero dalmatians with our superhero spots.

Lights shine on all the other dalmatian characters who laugh behind the King and the Queen.



**Queen Dalmatian:**
Meany Queeny? I told you not to call me that! Anyway, in the story, evil Rotter Rottweiler steals our superhero spots. The spots hold our superhero powers and so he becomes more powerful than us. Grrr! The play gets exciting when we find more superhero spots to overpower the Rotter Rottweiler in our queendom.