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### Direct Speech To Reported Speech

**Direct speech** uses speech marks (or inverted commas) to show what the person is actually saying.

**Reported speech** tells you what someone is saying, without the use of speech marks.

Change these sentences from direct speech to reported speech. The first one has been done for you.

- The pirate said to his boys, "The treasure is on that island!"  
The pirate told the crew the treasure was on the island.
- "We will have to walk through the forest," declared the knight.
- The lion yelled "Who's been eating my pudding?"
- The tennis player protested, "But the ball was still in the other hand!"
- "I think we should go to the library today," suggested Sam.
- "I forgot to learn my spellings," said the boy.
- Jake replied, "I will get the shopping for you."
- The Parliament suggested, "Let's hold the courts out early today."

Put 4 examples of direct speech in a story book, or rewrite them using reported speech.

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My teacher told me to study harder.

Her teacher had told her to study harder.

Mom can't attend my graduation.

Simon said (that) his Mom couldn't attend his graduation.

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man. No not there, over there said the man pointing over to the corner.

3) are we there yet moaned the children.

4) The fans shouted come on City

**Fluency:**

- 1) Explain the four key rules of punctuating speech, using an example to demonstrate what you mean.
- 2) For each of the sentences in practise, find another word that could replace the word that shows something is being said e.g. instead of asked you could use questioned.
- 3) Create three sentences that use speech in them, using a different word other than said each time.

**Can I use direct and reported speech?**

- I understand the difference between direct and reported speech;
- I have used speech marks to punctuate my direct speech;
- I can convert between direct and reported speech.

Great resource for my online teaching. Today, I have an online teaching with my year three pupils on this topic and this resource, rich with targeted information came in handy. Thank you so much. Thanks -- great to hear that it's useful in current conditions... Empty reply does not make any sense for the end user English Literature. Teacher of 6 years. I believe in the power of interleaved learning, frequent low stake quizzing, and model essays. Last updated 17 September 2013A lesson on reported speech and direct quotations in newspapers. The starter asks pupils to consider the difference between a sentence with reported speech, and a sentence with direct quotation. After a few simple translations from direct speech to reported (and vice versa), pupils can watch a youtube video of a news story. Their speech has been transcribed, and pupils can then use this to create their own newspaper article on the incident, using a direct quotation and a piece of reported speech for each of the three witnesses.Creative Commons "Sharealike"Select overall rating(no rating)Your rating is required to reflect your happiness.Write a reviewUpdate existing reviewIt's good to leave some feedback.Something went wrong, please try again later.Very helpful - thanks!Empty reply does not make any sense for the end userMany thanks for sharing.Empty reply does not make any sense for the end userThanks for sharing. This will be very helpful.Empty reply does not make any sense for the end userEmpty reply does not make any sense for the end userReport this resource to let us know if it violates our terms and conditions. Our customer service team will review your report and will be in touch. A worksheet on direct and reported speech for upper KS2. Includes sample text for children to rewrite: e.g. some text of direct speech to be rewritten as reported speech. Includes examples to help guide children. To learn about direct speech and how to punctuate it correctly.In Years 5 & 6, students are encouraged to build on their acquired knowledge by: using and punctuating direct speech correctlySpeech is an important feature in factual writing, such as newspaper reports and recounts. It allows the writer to share important information about what people involved in the story had to say.Inverted commas are used to show direct speech in your writing. Recap and get moving with this fun video.Inverted commas with Mr Smith.Learn more about how inverted commas are used to show direct speech by watching this video.When do we use inverted commas?Direct speechDirect speech is when the exact words that have been said by a person are written down inside inverted commas. Inverted commas (speech marks) go before and after direct speech. They surround what was said by the speaker. For example: "I'm pleased to have raised so much money," said Captain Tom.Punctuating direct speechA new speaker needs a new line.You should use a capital letter at the start of each piece of speech.Punctuation (question marks, full stops and exclamation marks) go inside the inverted commas.If the person who is speaking is named before the speech, you must use a comma before the first set of inverted commas. For example:Captain Tom exclaimed, "Let's go and do some more laps of the garden!"You may need paper and a pen or pencil for some of these activities.Test your knowledge of direct speech and inverted commas by completing this quiz.Now try this quiz where you need to choose which sentence has correctly punctuated direct speech.See how many you can get right!Writers use direct speech in their stories to convey more about a character or move the action on.Read the scenarios below. Your task is to write a response using direct speech.You can be as creative and imaginative as you like!For example: Kit and Ahmed are playing in the park."Race you to the slide!" yelled Ahmed. "You're on!" exclaimed Kit and he started running. Levi and Josh are watching a football match."Did you see that?" asked Levi.Mr Lavin and Mr Walsh are in the staff-room."I thought there were some biscuits in the tin," said Mr Lavin.Beryl and Susie are at the bus stop."Do you think the number 57 is ever going to come?" asked Beryl.Challenge:Can you make up some scenarios of your own that include direct speech?In this lesson you have learnt about direct speech and how to punctuate it correctly.There are other useful articles on Bitesize to help you to understand more about non-fiction writing:What are the features of a newspaper report?How to write a recount?What are fiction and non-fiction? Help children know when and how to use speech marks in direct speech, and why not to use them in indirect speech, with these lessons, activities, worksheets and more for Key Stage 2 grammar... by Teachwire What is direct speech? Direct speech in writing is where you are writing down a direct quotation of someone's actual words, and these are marked by inverted commas eg "I'll meet you at the library tomorrow morning," Sharon said.What is indirect speech?Indirect speech (or reported speech), on the other hand, is where you are given a rough approximation of what someone said, not their exact words, and doesn't require quotation/speech marks, eg 'Sharon told them she'd see them in the library tomorrow.'What are inverted commas? Inverted commas go before and after direct speech, surrounding what was said.Direct speech examples "I'm tired," she yawned. "What's that sound?" he asked. "It's coming from under the floorboards!" Elle replied. The police officer shouted, "There they are!" Indirect speech examples Mrs Weismann asked you to go see her in her office. My dad told me to clear up my room. Jerry said he found the book out in the playground. 1 | Getting speech punctuation right at KS2 guidePerfectly punctuating dialogue is something that can trip up even experienced editors - but this quick guide should help pupils get it right, from the start.Read it here.2 | Punctuating direct speech resource packThis powerful KS2 grammar resources pack provides everything you need to teach a series of five lessons on punctuating direct speech, culminating in an extended writing task where children can use their grammatical understanding in context.Get this resource pack here.3 | Direct speech challenge worksheetsSimilarly, this bright, appealing grammar worksheet is an excellent way to practise and revise using direct speech in Year 4.It is divided into five sections: understand, challenge, test, explain and apply.Activities include SATs style questions and opportunities for creative writing responses, with eye-catching images as prompts.Find this one here.4 | Learn speech conventions through knock, knock jokes worksheetThis resource sheet from Rachel Clarke uses a small-steps approach to slowly scaffold children through the rules and conventions of dialogue. In the first instance pupils are simply asked to rewrite knock, knock jokes in speech bubbles.Once they've got the hang of this, they should then be encouraged to write the name of the speaker and 'said' before each speech bubble. The second level asks pupils write each line of the knock, knock joke using inverted commas.Each example on this sheet starts with the reporting clause before the dialogue, which enables pupils to practise adding a comma after the reporting clause.Download it here.5 | Speech marks washing lineThis handy idea was created by Clarice Morley, an English teacher in a Pupil Referral Unit, who found her boys were struggling with the use of speech marks.They invented three characters - male, female and a rabbit - and produced some labels such as 'Rory exclaimed' and 'Brenda whispered'. Clarice then stretched a washing line across the board, and had two pegs with the speech marks on.The boys would write something someone would say onto a piece of paper, then they matched one of the labels with one of their speeches, and hung the speech on the washing line.They soon grasped it is only the reported speech that hangs on the line, and the pegs (speech marks) keep it in place.Print out the worksheet for this resource here.6 | How to use inverted commas video guide For a nice little introduction or recap to inverted commas, watch this video of Mr Thorne take you through their uses.It's clearly explained with large captions across the bottom so that children can see his examples written out with the correct punctuation.7 | Speech mark rulesThere are many 'rules' of speech marks, but no definitive list, and you don't want to overwhelm children with too many while they're just learning.So this Rising Stars list of five rules is a nice size for children to read and take in.Check it out here.8 | Quotation marks worksheetThis two-page worksheet has six tasks and an extension all revolving around punctuating speech.So it starts with putting speech marks into sentences, then putting speech marks and all other punctuation, before building up to punctuating longer passages.Print it here.9 | Inverted commas worksheet setThis resource set has three parts. One is 'Witch and Tiger Conversation', which shows ten pictures with blank speech bubbles. Children choose names for the witch and the tiger, then create the contents of the conversation. Next they re-write this conversation in the form of a story by adding phrases such as 'said Tom' and 'asked Joe' as well as speech marks and other punctuation.The second and third parts are 'Missing Speech Marks' worksheets, where children need to add speech marks to sentences.Get all this here. Learn about direct and indirect speech and how to punctuate it properly.This lesson includes two videos:the activitiesSpeech is an important feature in factual writing, such as newspaper reports and recounts. It enables the writer to share important information about what people involved in the story had to say.Inverted commas are used to show direct speech in your writing. 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For example:Captain Tom exclaimed, "Let's go and do some more laps of the garden!"Indirect (reported) speechWhen indirect speech is used, the writer will share the main points of what someone has said without writing exactly what they said in full.No speech punctuation (like inverted commas) is used for indirect speech.ExampleDirect: "I was tired after all that walking," explained Captain Tom.Could be written as:Indirect: Captain Tom admitted he was very tired by the end of his challenge.You may need paper and a pen or pencil for some of these activities.Test your knowledge of direct speech and inverted commas by completing this quiz.1. Read through this Newround report. Humpback whales return after almost becoming extinct.Can you find the example of direct speech?2. Now read through this Newround report: The jellyfish-juggling dolphin and other amazing animals.Can you find the example of indirect (reported) speech?You can check your answers using this answer sheet.3. Read the scenarios below carefully.Writing on a piece of paper, change any that are in direct speech to indirect speech, and any that are in indirect speech to direct speech.1. "Hurry up please, it's nearly 3 o'clock!" shouted Granny. 2. Ruby asked whether she could have a chocolate ice cream for dessert. 3. The shopkeeper announced that there was no bread left. 4. Freddie whispered, "Do you have a spare pencil?" 5. "Are you going on holiday?" asked Pritika.You can check your answers in this suggested answers sheet.In this lesson you have learnt about direct and indirect speech and how to punctuate it properly.There are other useful articles on Bitesize to help you to understand more about non-fiction writing:What are the features of a newspaper report?How to write a recount?What are fiction and non-fiction?

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