

## 8.2.21

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### **TBQ: Can I use dialogue to advance the action?**

This week within English you are going to write a narrative (a story). Within a story dialogue between characters is needed to advance the action and to allow the reader to explore the characters further.

So how do we use direct speech?

**Please complete the tasks on the link below.**

[Writing direct speech - Year 5 - P6 - English - Catch Up Lessons - Home Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

#### **Chilli Challenge:**

##### **Mild: Complete Question 1 and 3 Below**

In Question one please rewrite each question and add the correct punctuation to the sentences.

##### **Hot: Complete Questions 2,3 and 4.**

##### **Flamin' Hot . Complete Questions 4,5 and 6.**

##### **Extension: Complete the 'Challenge' below all the Questions.**

**Below the questions there are two sheets to help you.**

## Inverted Commas

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### **Hint!**

Use the acronym SCAPS to help you remember how to punctuate speech correctly.

S = speech marks

C = capital letter

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 A = actual words spoken  
 P = punctuation  
 S = speech marks

**1. Insert the missing inverted commas in the sentences below.**

- a) It's time for bed, said Peter's mother Go and brush your teeth.
- b) While directing her daughter in the car, Mrs Jones said, Take the next left and then go straight ahead.
- c) Why are you being so annoying? Melanie moaned at her brother, Leave me alone!

**2. Identify the mistakes in the punctuation and rewrite the sentence correctly below.**

- a) How much flour do I need to make this cake"? asked Julie?

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- b) "we need to bring a packed lunch and a change of clothes, don't we" asked James.

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- c) "can't we stay up late tonight" asked Pete, it is the weekend after all!

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**3. Tick the box to show whether speech punctuation has been used correctly or incorrectly.**

|   | Correct | Incorrect |
|---|---------|-----------|
| "please can I sit next to Alistair today?" asked Peter. |         |           |
| "Please can I sit next to Alistair today" asked Peter?  |         |           |
| "Please can I sit next to Alistair today?" asked Peter. |         |           |

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| "Please can I sit next to Alistair today?" ask Peter? |  |  |
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**4. Explain why this sentence is incorrect.**

"We are going for a walk today." declared mum.

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**5. Rewrite this passage from a playscript as direct speech.**

Mrs Portly: How much do I need to pay to have my car fixed?

Mark the mechanic: It shouldn't be too much. Approximately £76.

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**6. Rewrite these sentences using the correct speech punctuation.**

a) the headteacher was very happy with the netball team you've won the whole tournament due to your hard work and dedication

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b) what do you mean you don't know where your homework is cried Mrs Kettle  
it was due in today

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## Challenge!

**A new speaker means you need to start a new line. Rewrite this passage correctly.**

what's the time asked james is it time for lunch yet not quite yet replied mrs jones  
I'm so hungry though complained james

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Sheets to assist your learning.

## Direct Speech

- \* Each new speaker on a new line.
- \* Speech marks (" ") round the **direct speech**.
- \* Comma between **direct speech** and **reporting clause**...
- \* ...unless there's a ? or !
- \* **Direct speech** begins with a capital letter...
- \* ...

comma before the speech marks

"It's late," said Cinderella.

The prince smiled and answered, "Yes, but we have all the time in the world."

"What time is it?" asked Cinders. "I must leave before midnight."

"If you must go," said the prince, "you'd better hurry."  
It's 5 to 12 "

...unless a sentence is interrupted by the reporting clause.

IT'S 5 TO 12.

"Oh no!" cried Cinders.

See also The Sentence Book, pages 8 – 9.

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### Inverted Commas

Speech marks are also called quotation marks or inverted commas and may be used...

to mark the words in **direct speech**  
"Hello," said the cat.

to show a **quotation**  
Wordsworth wrote about an 'inward eye'.

to show that a word is being used **ironically or 'oddy'**  
There were many 'experts' in the audience.

to show when you are **talking about** a word or phrase  
The word 'exit' is the Latin for 'he goes out'.

to indicate the **title** of a book, film, etc  
The book 'Black Beauty' was also made into a film.

“ ” ‘ ’  
**Double and single speech marks.**  
Double marks are usually used in handwritten texts. Single marks are often used in printed texts.