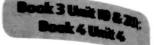
Let's Look at Direct and Indirect Speech

1 Direct speech



Direct speech is when we write the actual words someone has said.
We:

 put speech marks (inverted commas) at the beginning and end of the spoken words.

"Read all about it," shouted the newspaper seller.

begin a new paragraph when a different person speaks.

"I'll have a newspaper," said the old man.

"Here you are, sir," said the newspaper seller.

 After the spoken words and before the speech marks we need some punctuation. Usually, we use a comma.

"I like this newspaper," said the old man.

We use a question mark when the spoken words are a question.

"Any interesting news today?" asked the old man.

We can also use an exclamation mark.

"Same old rubbish!" complained the newspaper seller.

 If the non-spoken words come first, we put a comma to separate them from the spoken words.

The old man said, "I like this newspaper."

- A Underline the spoken words.
 - 1 "Do you know anything about Mars?" asked David.
 - 2 "A red flag means it is too dangerous to swim in the sea," explained the
 - 3 Angie muttered, "It isn't my fault."
- B Copy and punctuate the sentences correctly.
 - 1 Dinosaurs lived millions of years ago explained the teacher
 - 2 The pirate captain bellowed We set sail in an hour

ne wo	we are going to learn about Sir Francis Chichester explained ns Who was he asked Gina He was a sailor who sailed around rld on his own said Mr Evans
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Somet the p u	imes we split the spoken words, so we have to be very careful with inctuation.
	mended the clock," explained Julie, "but it is still striking nirteen!"
The se	entence has been split by the words explained Julie, so we use two f speech marks and put a comma after explained Julie.
"[mended the clock," explained Julie. "It is still striking thirteen!"
	me, Julie says two sentences . We still use two sets of speechmarks e put a full stop after <i>explained Juli</i> e before we begin a new sente
y and	punctuate these sentences.
100	car has broken down moaned Dad I'll have to ring the garage
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3 Synonyms For Said

A synonym is a word that means the same or nearly the same as another word. Using said all the time in direct speech is very boring. There are many more

interesting words.

Here are some of them.

cried yelled muttered laughed explained instructed ordered sobbed shrieked boasted giggled mumbled grumbled screamed pleaded argued demanded snapped snarled suggested whispered joked disagreed advised wailed

A	Look at the synonyms in the box.
	Which ones could you use if someone:
	1 spoke quietly
	2 was in a bad mood
	3 spoke loudly
	4 was being helpful
	5 was in a good mood
	6 was very upset
В	Choose five of the synonyms from A. Use each one in a direct speech sentence of your own.
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Indirect speech (reported speech) is when we write about what someone has said **but** we:

- don't use the actual spoken words
- don't use speech marks.

Direct speech

"I like toast," said Mandy.

"So do I," agreed Dan.

Indirect speech

Mandy said that she liked toast.

Dan agreed.

Rewrite this direct speech conversation in indirect speech.

"If you could be good at any sport, what would it be?" asked Amir.

"Well," said Karen, "I think I'd like to be a champion swimmer."

"Not me," interrupted George. "I'd like to be a jockey and win the Grand National."

"Horses scare me," said Ben. "I've always liked the idea of being a racing car driver."

"So you are scared of horses but not of driving round a track at over a hundred miles an hour?" Tania remarked in an amazed voice.

"What would you do then?" responded Ben.

"I've alwa	lys fancied the idea of ski jumping," she announced.	
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Direct and Indirect Speech Round Up

Direct speech is when we write the actual words someone has said.

- Put speech marks (inverted commas) around the spoken words.
- Begin a new paragraph when a different person speaks.
- Use punctuation (comma, question mark, exclamation mark) after the
- If the non-spoken words come first, put a comma to separate them from

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Let's write

A Choose one of these.

Maria took her dog for a walk. During the walk, the dog spoke to her!

B Dominic and Nathan have a discussion about the Loch Ness monster. Dominic believes it exists; Nathan doesn't. Write their conversation.

Think carefully about what the characters say. Use synonyms for said.

Make notes about your ideas before you write.