

LC Can I understand and apply
direct and reported speech?

Let's think back to last lesson

What do you remember about the different sentence types?

Direct and reported speech

'Good luck, Harry,' he murmured. He turned on his heel and with a swish of his cloak he was gone.

and Harry didn't know which was worse – people telling him he'd be brilliant or people telling him they'd be running around underneath him holding a mattress.

How can you tell which is which?

What are the differences between the two types of speech?

There are two forms of speech that we should try and use in our writing.

Direct Speech – this is when you write down exactly what the person is saying. You will need to use speech marks.

“I don’t want to eat my cabbage,” Peter grumbled to his mother.

Reported Speech – this is when you are repeating what someone has said. Imagine that you are telling another person what Peter said. You do not need speech marks. Reported speech is written in the past tense.

Peter told his mum that he did not want to eat his cabbage.

More Examples

Direct Speech

“The level of noise in this classroom is totally unacceptable,” said Miss Court.

Reported Speech

Miss Court told her class that they were being far too noisy.

You can see that both sentences carry the same meaning, so you don't need to just repeat what has been said or get rid of the speech marks.

Direct speech

You need to remember:

- inverted commas,
- punctuation before the close of the speech marks,
- explain who said it.

Task

Use your own reading book and find an example of direct speech and reported speech

Copy it onto paper. (Remember to include all the correct punctuation.)

Now convert it into the other type of speech to what is it.

Test style questions

Rewrite the sentence below as **direct speech**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

She asked if he wanted a banana.

She asked him,

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Put the astronomer's words into direct speech.

The astronomer said it was his ambition to discover as much as possible about our solar system.

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