

Direct Speech



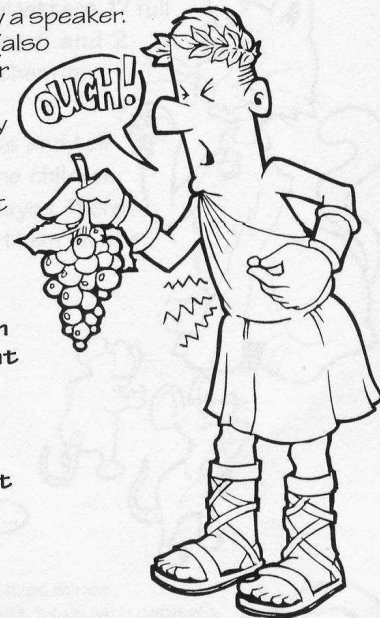
Quotation Marks

Sometimes you may want to use the actual words said by a speaker. The words spoken should be enclosed by quotation marks (also known as speech marks). These can be either single (...) or double (...").

Currently, single quotation marks are most commonly used.

We call this form of writing **direct speech**.

Note the punctuation used in the examples of direct speech below.



Speaker First

Caesar yelled, 'Ouch!'. **Exclamation**

Brutus asked, 'Does it hurt very much, Julius?'. **Question**

Caesar answered, 'It only hurts when I laugh'. **Statement**

Speaker Last

'Ouch!' yelled Caesar. **Exclamation**

'Does it hurt very much, Julius?' **Question**

'It only hurts when I laugh,' answered Caesar. **Statement**

Broken Quotation

'Does it,' asked Brutus, 'hurt very much?'

'It only hurts,' answered Caesar, 'when I laugh.'

Titles

When a speaker includes the title of a book, film etc., this must be enclosed in quotation marks. Single and double quotation marks should be used alternately in such cases. 'I've just seen a film called "Sodgilla";' said Malcolm.

Punctuation

Punctuate the dialogues below using the above information as a model.

'Rockjaw' needs 6 sets of speech marks, 12 capital letters, 2 apostrophes, 2 commas, 2 question marks, 5 full stops and 1 exclamation mark.

'The Test' needs 6 sets of quotation marks, 10 capital letters, 2 apostrophes, 1 question mark, 6 commas, 1 exclamation mark and 4 full stops.

A new line has already been taken for each new speaker.

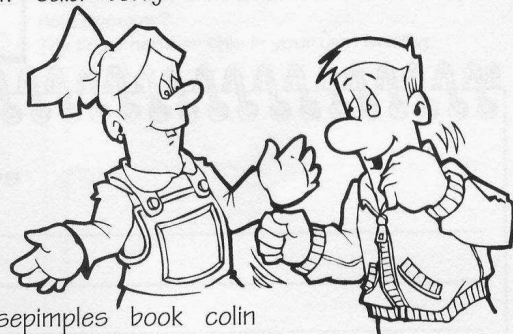


Whenever a new speaker talks, a new line should be taken. Remember—a new speaker, new line!

Rockjaw

1

ive just been to see a movie called rockjaw said terry
what was it about asked mavis
its about a boxer called rockjaw replied terry
was it good asked raelene
sensational exclaimed terry



The Test

2

mother asked are you reading another goosepimples book colin
colin answered im studying for tomorrows test
his little sister shouted you are not
we have to said colin in a calm voice write a report about our favourite book