

Macbeth: Act 1  
Year 3 and Year 4  
Punctuation Exercise  
Direct Speech

**L.I: To use and punctuate direct speech**

Direct speech is when you quote the exact words someone has spoken. This is a key feature used when writing newspaper reports as you will often need to quote a witness/someone you've interviewed or spoken to. To show that someone is talking you need to use **speech marks, also known as inverted commas** at the beginning and end of the direct speech.

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“ The battle was epic. It lasted for days. ”

#### **RULES OF DIRECT SPEECH**

- Each new person's speech starts on a new line
- You put speech marks at the beginning of the speech
- Each new line of speech starts with a capital letter
- The line of speech ends with a comma, question mark or exclamation mark
- The closing speech marks are put **AFTER** the punctuation
- A reporting clause is used at the end (whispered Lady Macbeth, shouted Macbeth, screamed Banquo)

**Useful videos:**

**Video on how to use speech mark**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zvftsbk>

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Don't forget any other punctuation!**

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