**Romeo and Juliet: 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.**

**“ ”**

**“ The Capulet ball was fantastic. There was live music and the most delicious food.”**

**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 Romeo, shouted Mercutio, screamed Tybalt)**

**Useful videos:**

**Video on how to use speech mark**

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zvftsbk**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zvftsbk)

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**Punctuation Exercise: Direct Speech**

**Re write each sentence below, using speech marks/inverted commas.**

**Don’t forget any other punctuation!**

1. I will frown as I pass by said Gregory

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1. Sampson replied I will bite my thumb at them.

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1. If ever you disturb our streets again, your lives shall pay the forfeit of the peace. shouted Prince Escalus

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1. What do you think of my disguise said Mercutio

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1. Who is that beautiful girl? whispered Romeo to Mercutio

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1. It was the most amazing party I’ve ever been to! said a young man.

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1. There were the most amazing fireworks at the end of the ball said a young woman.

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1. Lord Capulet shouted Do not cause a fuss and ruin my party

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1. I heard Lord Capulet getting very angry with his nephew Tybalt said a young woman.

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1. My only love sprung from my only hate whispered Juliet

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