

Revision Card – Direct Speech

Punctuating Speech – capital letters open direct speech

Direct speech begins with a capital letter, even if it is in the middle of a sentence.



Mr Evans asked, "Is he injured?"

The boy replied, "Not at all. He looks perfect."



It is the beginning of the speaker's sentence so a capital letter is used.

Punctuating Speech – commas separate clauses

Direct speech and reporting clauses are usually separated by a comma.



"You knew he'd come back," sighed the boy.

Mr Evans smiled, "He's a hero. Just like you."



The comma is placed at the end of the first clause.
The speech marks follow the comma.

Punctuating Speech – exclamations and questions

If the speech ends in a ! or ? we do not need a comma after the speech.



"What race shall we try next?" asked the boy.

"Let's enjoy this one first!" Mr Evans laughed.



The punctuation is placed inside the speech marks.
The punctuation belongs to the spoken words – they tell you how to say them.

Punctuating Speech – a new line shows a change of speaker



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Pleased enough to make Welsh Cakes?



I hope so!



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"She'll be so pleased," answered Mr Evans.

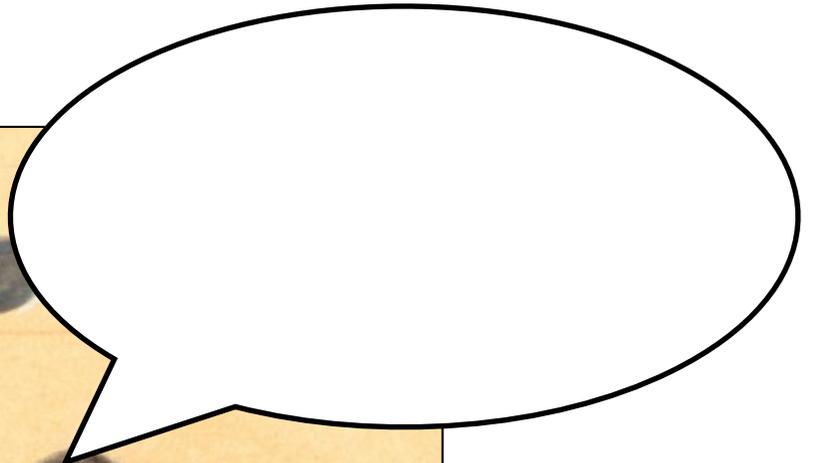
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Mr Evans laughed, "I hope so!"

We show each **change of speaker** by starting a new line.

This makes it clear when the speaker changes.

Speech Bubble 1



Speech Bubble 2

