

Revision Card

Punctuating Speech – capital letters open **direct speech**

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

Tom questioned, **"All the way from Rome?"**

Charlie answered, **"It's a long way but he can do it."**

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



Punctuating Speech – a new line shows a change of speaker



"All the way to Rome?" asked the guard.

"That's right," answered Charlie.

"You know that's a long way?" teased the guard.

Charlie laughed, **"It's an adventure!"**

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

This makes it clear when the speaker changes.

Punctuating Speech – commas separate clauses

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

"There's still no sign of him," sighed the boy.

Charlie whispered, **"Come back. Please make it."**

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.

"How did he do it?" everyone asked.

"Some kind of magic!" Charlie laughed.

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



King of Rome - Sentences

Add speech marks to these sentences. Add a reporting clause to 5-10.

- 1 Charlie always said, I can't fly but me pigeons can.
- 2 When I set them free, he explained, it's just like part of me gets lifted up on shining wings.
- 3 Charlie, you'll lose that bird, warned his friends when they heard about his plan.
- 4 When the pigeon didn't return, his friends chorused, Charlie, we told you so!
- 5 Surely by now you know when you're living in the West End, there ain't many dreams come true.
- 6 Yeah, I know but I had to try.
- 7 A man can crawl around or he can learn to fly.
- 8 And if you live 'round here the ground seems awful near.
- 9 Charlie, it's the King of Rome. Come outside quick, he's perched up on your roof.
- 10 Come on down, your majesty I knew you'd make it back to me.
- 11 Come on down, you lovely one. You made my dream come true...

Speakers:

5. Friends 6. Charlie 7. Charlie 8. Charlie 9. Friends 10. Charlie 11. Charlie