

Revision Card – Direct Speech and Reporting Clauses

Punctuating Speech – direct speech & reporting clauses

Speech bubbles can show us what a character is saying.



All is quiet, all is quiet.

The words that are spoken are called **direct speech**.

"All is quiet, all is quiet," sang the bird.

Bubbles would take up too much room in a story so we use **speech marks** instead.

Speech marks work in pairs to hug the **direct speech**.

We report who is speaking using a **reporting clause**.

Speech marks are also called *inverted commas*.

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We hug the **direct speech** with **speech marks** and add **reporting clauses**.

Bird



What kind of bird are *you* if you can't fly?

What kind of bird are *you* if you can't swim?

Duck



*"What kind of bird are *you* if you can't fly?"* said the bird.

*"What kind of bird are *you* if you can't swim?"* replied the duck.

Peter and the Wolf Sentences

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

1. All is quiet, all is quiet, sang the bird.
2. What kind of bird are you if you can't fly? he asked.
3. What kind of bird are you if you can't swim? she answered, as she dived into the water.
4. While the little bird is so busy arguing with that duck, I'll just grab him murmured the cat, stealthily creeping nearer.
5. Look out!
6. Is it worth climbing up so high?
7. It's a dangerous place, this. Suppose a wolf were to come out of the forest.
8. Fly down and circle around the wolf's head.
9. Don't shoot!
10. My, what brave fellows we are, Peter and I.
Look what we've caught

Speakers:

5. Peter 6. The cat 7. Grandfather 8. Peter 9. Peter 10. The bird

Said Synonyms

Anger

Shouted, bellowed, yelled, snapped, cautioned, rebuked.

Affection

Consoled, comforted, reassured, admired, soothed.

Excitement:

Shouted, yelled, babbled, gushed, exclaimed.

Fear:

Whispered, stuttered, stammered, gasped, urged, hissed, babbled, blurted.

Determination:

Declared, insisted, maintained, commanded.

Happiness:

Sighed, murmured, gushed, laughed.

Sadness:

Cried, mumbled, sobbed, sighed, lamented.

Amusement

Teased, joked, laughed, chuckled, chortled, sniggered, guffawed, giggled, roared.