

## English 28.1.21

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### TBQ: Can I edit my writing by checking the punctuation and effectiveness of speech?

Today you will be editing your stories.

As you have had a day away from them, you should be able to read them with fresh eyes.

The two main skills we concentrated on in this unit were using speech usefully in a story and using adverbials to create cohesion.

This lesson will focus on speech.

Watch the following video to remind you of how to punctuate speech correctly.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-revise-speech-punctuation-cngp8t?activity=video&step=1>

- **If you do not have the internet at home**, please refer to the printed pages on speech and how to punctuate it (ref: *Help your Kids with English* by Carol Vorderman p. 89, 109, 213).

### Challenge 1:

Now use the checklist below to look at the dialogue you have used within your story. Have you punctuated it all correctly?

## Direct Speech

- \* Each new speaker on a new line.
- \* Speech marks (" ") round the **direct speech**.
- \* Comma between **direct speech** and **reporting clause**...
- \* ...unless there's a ? or !
- \* **Direct speech** begins with a capital letter...
- \* ...unless a sentence is interrupted by the **reporting clause**.

comma before the speech marks

"It's late," said Cinderella.

The prince smiled and answered, "Yes, but we have all the time in the world."

"What time is it?" asked Cinders. "I must leave before midnight."

"If you must go," said the prince, "you'd better hurry. It's 5 to 12."

"Oh no!" cried Cinders.

### Challenge 2:

Now I want you to check if your speech serves a purpose? Is it useful?

Does it give us information about the story or a character?

All speech should give us information about the story. It should be used to advance action, just like the example below.

Read back through your own writing and check your speech. Edit it to ensure it **moves the story on** or **gives the reader important information**.

### Speech in Action:

## Midnight

It was midnight. Dad and I were walking home from my sister's wedding party. I'd never been out that late before. The streets were deserted and our footsteps echoed in the darkness.

Suddenly there was an unearthly sound! It pierced the silent like an ice-cold wind. What was it? A scream? A howl? Ghosts? I stood rooted to the spot, shivers trickling down my spine. Dad stopped too.

"It's coming from the Brown's house." he said. "I promised I'd keep an eye on it for them while they're on holiday."

Before I knew it, Dad was running down the Browns' front drive. "Stay there!" he yelled to me.

"No fear!" I replied. I had to follow, because I was too scared to stay behind.