

SPAG— Speech Punctuation

1. My name is Jane, said the girl.
2. David said, When it is 3 O'clock I can go to the park.
3. Can you tell me what time it is? asked Peter.
4. I like it when the weather is nice, said the old woman.
5. I've lost my ball in the garden! shouted the boy.
6. My friend's named is Susan, explained the girl.
7. Hello there! she said.
8. What time is the party? asked Paul.

Extension: write your own 'Top Tips' for speech punctuation. And then write your own sentences which include dialogue.

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I'm afraid I have some bad news, Mrs Brown said to the children. Your father has had an accident. What's the matter? Rob asked. Is it serious? Will he have to go to hospital? Pete asked. Will he have to have an operation? Debbie asked. Now don't worry, Mrs Brown replied. It's not as bad as all that. Someone crashed into his car but he hasn't broken any bones. That's a relief! Rob exclaimed. But I bet he's a bit shaken up, said Debbie. He sounded fine on the phone, Mrs Brown said, but the car is badly damaged. A damaged car, said Pete, is better than a damaged Dad!

Task: re-write this passage and punctuate all the direct speech accurately.

Top Tips:

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- 5.

Direct and Reported Speech.

Copy the following examples of reported speech into your books, then write them out again as direct speech. The first example has been done for you.

Miss Hull said that we were very noisy today.

"You are very noisy class eleven!" moaned Miss Hull.

- 1) Mrs Millhouse claimed that the Christmas Fayre would be a success.
- 2) Mrs Prisk shouted at the boy to stop running in the hall.
- 3) Mark laughed at Elly, saying her dress was silly.
- 4) Emma told Emily that she could not come to the party.
- 5) Sally complained that her shoes were too tight.
- 6) Chris mumbled that he felt sick.
- 7) Joe exclaimed that he won the match!
- 8) Carol offered to cook the dinner.

Now do the same with the following sentences, only this time you will be changing direct speech in to reported speech. The first one was been done for you.

"I'm scared of rollercoasters," Mum said to Dad.

Mum told Dad that she was scared of rollercoasters.

"Get down from there!" the park keeper shouted at the boys.

"What time is the next bus to Stratford?" asked the old lady.

"We need to take the next turning on the left," Kevin told the driver.

"I'd like to have a steak and some chips please," the customer said to the waiter.

"Excuse me. Are you waiting in the queue?" Barry enquired.

"Can I please have a kilogram of potatoes?" the man asked the greengrocer politely.

"It's no good. The doors are completely stuck," the fireman shouted to his colleagues.

"I really want to see the new Superman film. It looks amazing," Jordan said, his voice full of excitement.