

language focus

direct speech

Read the language focus and label the examples.

We use direct speech when we want to write the exact words that were spoken.

- a. We put the actual words someone said inside speech marks.
- b. A new bit of speech starts with a capital letter if it is the beginning of a sentence.
- c. We start a new line when a new person starts talking.
- d. We can put a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark inside the speech marks, if it is the end of a sentence.
- e. We can put a comma inside the speech marks if it isn't the end of a sentence.

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"Holmes," murmured Sir Henry, "You have saved my life."

— "I'm sorry I put you in danger," replied Holmes, "Are you strong enough to stand?"