

# 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.

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

"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?"