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?"

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