

## Direct Speech

- Direct Speech is **spoken language** written down as if it were a real overheard conversation.
- Words such as 'he said' and 'she asked' show who is speaking to who.

## The purpose of direct speech

- Direct speech is used a lot in stories. It makes the characters believable and convincing.
- What the characters say and how they speak tells the reader a lot about them.

## Be able to punctuate dialogue

- Direct Speech has its own special kind of **punctuation**.

'For smelling with,' my grandmother said.

**RULE 1: Inverted commas (speech marks) only go around the spoken words.**

**RULE 2: A comma is needed to separate the spoken part from the part telling you who is speaking, unless a question mark (?) or exclamation mark (!) is used.**

'For smelling with,' my grandmother said.

'Why do they have such big nose-holes?' I asked.

'No toes!' I cried.

**RULE 3: A new line (paragraph) is needed every time a different speaker begins speaking.**

**RULE 4: Speech begins with a capital letter.**

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