

Recognising Direct Speech

1. Circle the parts of the sentences below which are spoken.

Every Thursday morning, the waste collectors drive on Lampton Lane to empty the waste bins. Felicity was rolling out her bin when she saw a cardboard box sticking out of the lid. "You must remember to separate the waste from the recycling, George!" shouted Felicity.

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4. Eesa has written the sentences below using direct speech.

Sally called "Sebastian and asked have you ordered the decorations for the party?" I need everything by Thursday.

Find the mistakes and rewrite the passage correctly.

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2. Underline the speaking verb and who is speaking.

A. "Are you allergic to anything?" inquired Mrs Baxter.

B. "Stop driving so fast!" exclaimed Maria.

C. "Make sure you close the windows before you leave," instructed the caretaker.

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5. Use the phrases from two of the boxes to complete the direct speech below.

The brave knight galloped behind the thief, on his trusty horse,

" _____ "

bellowed the knight.

" _____ "

We cannot let him escape!

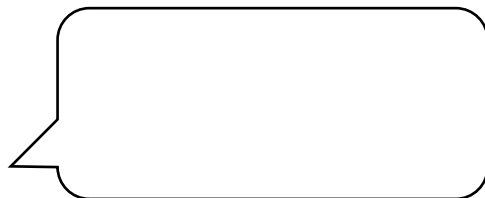
Faster, Sling!

I'm getting tired.

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3. Identify the words that are being spoken in the sentence below and write them in the speech bubble.

Louise boasted, "I had the highest number of merit points in my class and I was awarded a special award by the headteacher."



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6. Which words are being spoken in the passage below? Explain how you know.

It could've only been Vance's luck for him to fall ill on the day his class were going to the train museum. As a train enthusiast, he was the one looking forward to it the most. As his mum entered his room, she insisted, "You must take this medicine. Without it, you won't feel better." With a groan, Vance drank the bitter medicine.

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2. A. inquired Mrs Baxter; B. exclaimed Maria; C. instructed the caretaker
3. I had the highest number of merit points in my class and I was awarded a special award by the headteacher.
4. The inverted commas are not around the speech. There is also a missing capital letter at the start of the speech. They should be punctuated as follows: Sally called Sebastian and asked, "Have you ordered the decorations for the party? I need everything by Thursday."
5. Various answers, for example: The brave knight galloped behind the thief, on his trusty horse, "We cannot let him escape," bellowed the knight. "Faster, Sling!"
6. "You must take this medicine. Without it, you won't feel better." are the spoken words as they are punctuated with inverted commas and follow the reporting clause 'she insisted'.