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LO: Direct and Reported Speech

One of the features you had to look for in the newspaper reports yesterday was the use of speech.

This can be direct speech when the exact words someone says are quoted

or

this can be indirect speech (reported speech) when someone reports what the person being interviewed has said.

We are eventually going to write a newspaper report about a Viking Raid. To help us do this we need to understand how to use speech in our report.

Read through the information on the next few pages to understand direct and indirect (reported speech).

Using Speech within Writing

Within writing, there are two ways to narrate the words spoken by a character. These are called:

- direct speech
- indirect (or reported) speech



In a direct speech sentence, we would narrate Iggy's spoken words like this:

"I bid you farewell Earthlings!" shouted Iggy from his spaceship.

If we were writing an indirect speech sentence, we would narrate Iggy's spoken words like this:

From his spaceship, Iggy bid farewell to the Earthlings.

Using Direct Speech

Let's look carefully at the direct speech sentence.

What do you notice?



I bid you
farewell
Earthlings!

"I bid you farewell Earthlings!" shouted Iggy from his spaceship.

The exact words of the speaker are enclosed in inverted commas (speech marks).

In direct speech, the exact words of the speaker are quoted with no change to their content or order.

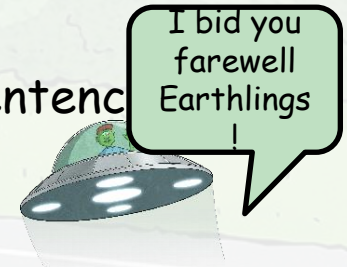
The correct punctuation is used before the inverted commas close.

There is often a reporting clause to explain who said the speech. Sometimes the reporting clause can be extended with an adverb, subordinate clause or prepositional phrase to explain more about how, where or when the speech was said. The reporting clause can appear before or after the spoken words themselves.

Using Indirect (Reported) Speech

Now, let's take a look at the indirect (reported) speech sentence

How is it different to the direct speech sentence?



From his spaceship, Iggy bid farewell to the Earthlings.

In indirect speech, no inverted commas (speech marks) are used.

The actual words of the speaker are often changed. The spoken words need to be in the correct tense, extra words may need to be added and pronouns may need to be changed (e.g. I → Iggy).

There are no reporting clauses within indirect (reported) speech. However, an adverb or prepositional phrase to explain more about how, where or when the speech was said can be added if needed.

Now watch this video about the Viking raid on Lindisfarne.

Watch from the beginning and stop it at 3 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rS3YfhAiXHU>

Imagine you were a Viking or Monk and were involved in this raid. If a newspaper reporter had spoken to you what would you have said ?

You could act this out and ask someone to interview you about the raid.

Writing Tasks

1) Write 3 quotes (direct speech) as though you had interviewed a Viking or a monk.

e.g.

" My brothers and I were terrified when the Viking longship appeared through the mist, "said Father John.

Remember to use everything we have learnt about punctuating direct speech.

2) Write 3 examples of reported speech as though you are the reporter writing about what was said either by a Viking or a monk.

e.g.

Father John explained how terrified the monks had been when the Vikings arrived in their longships.

Notice that the verbs (action words) are written in the past tense because the event has already happened.