How to write direct speech...



Do you have speech marks at the **start** and at the **end** of the words being spoken?

"Action!" said the director.



Have you started a **new line** every time someone new starts speaking?

"Can we have a close up?" asked Sarah.

"No problem!" replied Thomas.



Do you have a **capital letter** at the start of the speech?

Bruce said, "Sorry, I forgot my lines."



Have you remembered to add commas?

Paul whispered, "Great job."

"Thank you," replied Justine.



Do you have **punctuation** inside the speech marks?

"That's a wrap!" cheered the producer.



Inverted commas

Quotation marks
Speech marks

There are 3 names for this piece of punctuation.



Have you followed these simple steps when using direct speech?