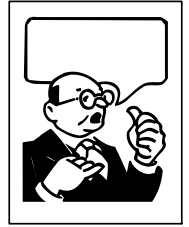


RULES OF DIRECT SPEECH



1. Inverted commas (" ") are used to show what is spoken aloud by a character.

E.g. "Hello. How are you?" said Billy.

2. You start the inverted commas before the first word spoken. You close the inverted commas after the last word they speak not at the end of each sentence.

E.g. He walked out and said, "Good to see you."

"I need some fresh air," said Jamie as he walked out.

3. When someone new speaks you must start a new line.

E.g. "Thank you. Do you have any cola?" Billy requested.

"Of course," Dan answered.

4. The first word of a new piece of speech must have a capital letter.

E.g. Billy smiled and said, "Perfect!"

5. Punctuation goes inside the inverted commas.

E.g. "Do you want ice?" he continued.

6. You must always use commas to separate what is being spoken and the rest of the writing.

E.g. "No ice thank you," Billy concluded.

As he walked into the room Billy said, "where is my hat?"