

# Punctuating Direct Speech Properly

In direct speech the actual words spoken must all come between “ & ”.

There are 3 different ways we can write direct speech.

**1. When the spoken words come first.**

“ Please shut the door after you, ” said Rodney irritably.

**2. When the speaker comes first.**

The farmer shouted angrily, “ Get out of my barley field. ”

**3. When the speaker comes between the spoken words.**

“ If you don’t try to get on the learning train, ” said the teacher, “ you may not understand this work. ”

Pay careful attention to the speech marks, capital letters, commas, full stops and any other necessary punctuation marks.