

# TWELFTH NIGHT: ACT 1

## YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4

### PUNCTUATION EXERCISE

#### DIRECT SPEECH

L.I: To use and punctuate direct speech

Direct speech is when you quote the exact words someone has spoken. This is a key feature used when writing newspaper reports as you will often need to quote a witness/someone you've interviewed or spoken to. To show that someone is talking you need to use **speech marks, also known as inverted commas** at the beginning and end of the direct speech.

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“ Take the fool away.”

#### RULES OF DIRECT SPEECH

- Each new person's speech starts on a new line
- You put speech marks at the beginning of the speech
- Each new line of speech starts with a capital letter
- The line of speech ends with a comma, question mark or exclamation mark
- The closing speech marks are put **AFTER** the punctuation
- A reporting clause is used at the end (whispered Lady Macbeth, shouted Macbeth, screamed Banquo)

Useful videos:

Video on how to use speech mark

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zvftsbk>

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Re write each sentence below, using speech marks/inverted commas.  
Don't forget any other punctuation!

1. If music be the food of love, play on, give me excess of it! said Duke Orsino.

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2. Duke Orsino shouted Enough, no more!

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3. What country, friends, is this? asked Viola

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4. The captain answered, This is Ilyria, lady

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5. Who governs here? Viola wanted to know

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6. Andrew Aguecheek cried Sir Toby Belch! How now, Sir Toby Belch?

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7. I'll do my best to woo your lady promised Cesario

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8. Olivia asked Malvolio What think you of this fool?

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9. Give me my veil demanded Olivia

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**ANSWERS**

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"If music be the food of love, play on, give me excess of it!" said Duke Orsino.
2. Duke Orsino shouted Enough, no more!  
Duke Orsino shouted "Enough, no more!"
3. What country, friends, is this? asked Viola  
"What country, friends, is this?" asked Viola
4. The captain answered, This is Ilyria, lady  
The captain answered, "This is Ilyria, lady"
5. Who governs here? Viola wanted to know  
"Who governs here?" Viola wanted to know
6. Andrew Aguecheek cried Sir Toby Belch! How now, Sir Toby Belch?  
Andrew Aguecheek cried "Sir Toby Belch! How now, Sir Toby Belch?"
7. I'll do my best to woo your lady promised Cesario  
"I'll do my best to woo your lady" promised Cesario
8. Olivia asked Malvolio What think you of this fool?  
Olivia asked Malvolio "What think you of this fool?"
9. Give me my veil demanded Olivia  
"Give me my veil" demanded Olivia