HAMLET: 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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**“ Something is rotten in the state of Denmark.”**

**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 Hamlet, shouted Laertes, screamed Claudius)**

**Useful videos:**

**Video on how to use speech mark https://**[**www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zvftsbk**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zvftsbk)

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2. That one may smile and smile and be a villain exclaimed Hamlet
3. Hamlet said There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in our philosophy.
4. In few, Ophelia, Do not believe his vows warned Polonius.
5. Polonius said to Laertes To thine own self be true
6. Hamlet sighed Frailty, Thy Name is Woman
7. But break my heart; for I must hold my tongue cried Hamlet
8. Francisco shivered Tis bitter cold

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ANSWERS

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“That one may smile and smile and be a villain” said Hamlet.

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“But break my heart; for I must hold my tongue” wept Hamlet.

1. Francisco shivered Tis bitter cold

Francisco shivered, “Tis bitter cold”.