

Sentences

Direct speech is when we write the **actual words** that someone has spoken.



What is the highest mountain in the world?

We use **speech marks** to show the actual words spoken.

“What is the highest mountain in the world?”
asked the teacher.

We begin **a new line** when a different person speaks.

“What is the highest mountain in the world?”
asked the teacher.

“Mount Everest,” replied Sam.

After the spoken words you need some punctuation.

Usually, we use a **comma**.

“The highest mountain is Mount Everest,” said Tom.

We use a **question mark** when the spoken words are a question.

“What is the highest mountain?” asked the teacher.

We can also use an **exclamation mark**.

“That’s a huge mountain!” exclaimed Aysha.

Focus



The punctuation after the spoken words always comes before the speech marks.

Copy the sentences.

Add the missing *speech marks*.

- 1 Is that a new mobile phone? asked Kapil.
- 2 Yes, said Sara.
- 3 Show me how it works, said Kapil.
- 4 Be careful with it! said Sara.
- 5 I won’t drop it, said Kapil.

