

# WELCOME

to today's English lesson

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Good morning, Year 3.  
Happy Wednesday!

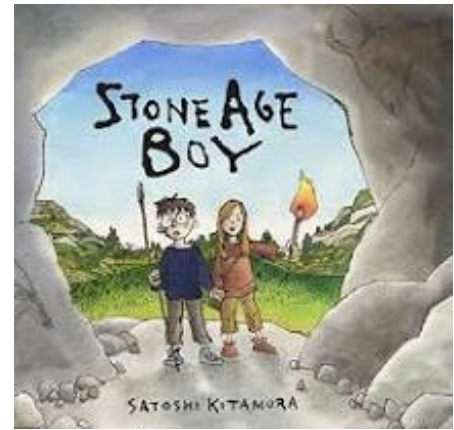
In today's lesson, we will be learning about direct speech. Please don't worry if you are unsure what this is, you will find out on the next few pages.

Read through the information pages first and then complete the tasks. Remember you can always watch the video of me reading the story if you need to 😊.

I hope you enjoy the activities. Remember, you are all superstars 😊

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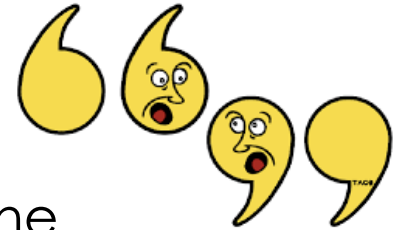
Miss Robertson xxx



## Direct speech

Direct speech is when a person is speaking. In our writing, we must use inverted commas (speech marks “ and ”) to show when someone is talking.

**Let's look at some examples:**



“Everyone in Year is working so hard at the moment,” stated Miss Robertson.

“Did you enjoy reading the Stone Age Boy?” asked Mrs Cheslin.

“Hopefully, it won't be long until we are back together in school,” said Miss Robertson.



## How/ when to use inverted commas?

When you are writing, inverted commas (speech marks) go before and after what is being said.

For example:

“Everyone in Year 3 is working so hard at the moment,” stated Miss Robertson.



### Other things to remember:

- ✓ Punctuation such as commas, question marks and full stops goes inside the inverted commas.
- ✓ When a new person is speaking, start a new line.
- ✓ Remember to say who is speaking (e.g. shouted Miss Robertson, bellowed Chris, cried Amelia)
- ✓ Try and think of interesting synonyms/ other words for said to make your writing interesting.



Let's look at an example together:

Who are  
you?



I am Om  
from the  
Stone  
Age.

1. Inverted commas only go around the words spoken.  
"Who are you?"
2. Once we have written the speech, we must remember to say who has spoken.  
"Who are you?" asked the boy.
3. When the next person speaks, we must start on a new line.  
"Who are you?" asked the boy.  
"I am Om from the Stone Age," replied Om.



**Punctuation goes inside the inverted commas.**

**Try and think of interesting words for said.**

**Capital and letters and full stops are still needed at the start and end of the sentence.**

**Activity 1:** Copy the sentences into your book. Add in the missing inverted commas (speech marks). Remember that they only go around the words spoken and not the whole sentence.

Year 3 are working very hard said Miss Robertson.

Did you enjoy playing in the snow? asked Mrs Cheslin.

The Stone Age was a very long time ago stated Mr Carry.

How long ago was the Stone Age? asked Georgia.

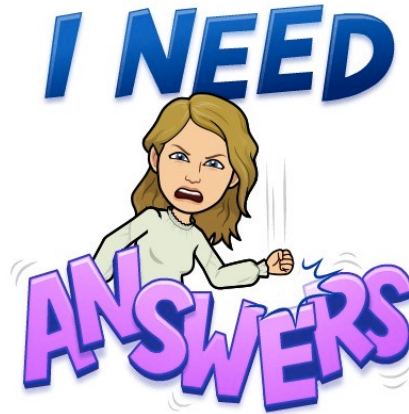
Where did Stone Age people live? wondered Ethan.

**Challenge:** If you fancy a challenge, try and extend the sentences with an adverb or a subordinate clause.

For example:

“Year 3 are working very hard,” said Miss Robertson, as she smiled at the children in her class.

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“Where did Stone Age people live?” wondered Ethan.

**Activity 2:** Change these speech bubbles into sentences using inverted commas (speech marks). Use the example and word bank on the next page to help you if you need to.

Look at  
my  
modern  
clothes.

These are  
called  
trainers.

My glasses  
help me to  
see.



I have  
never seen  
anything  
like this  
before.

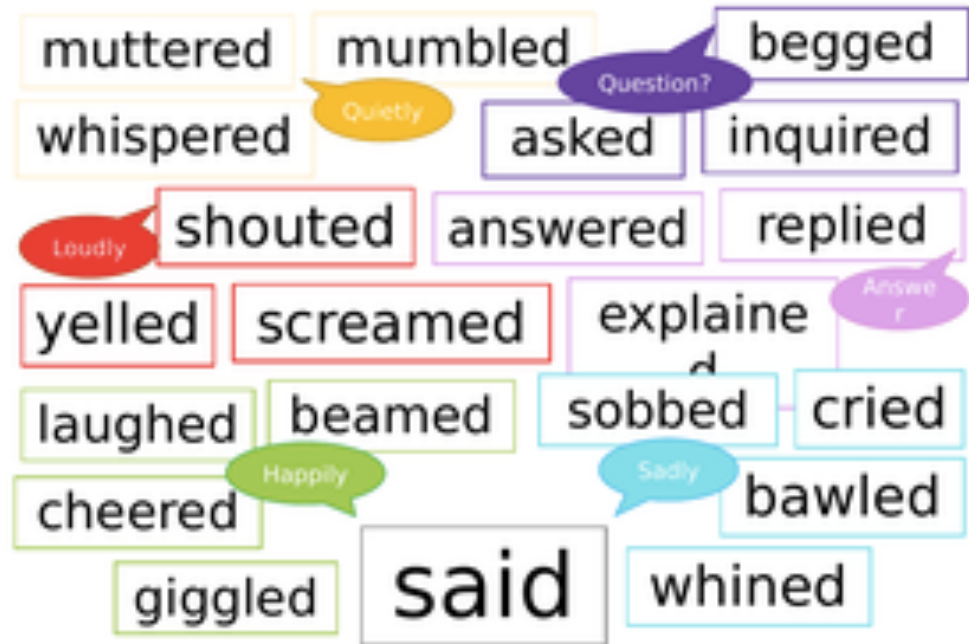
They look  
much  
comfier  
than my  
shoes.

They look  
so funny.

## Miss Robertson's example:

"Look at my modern clothes," **stated the boy**, as he lifted his foot up to show Om.

### Words for said



Thank you for working so hard.

Please send in any photos of your work or any questions you have to [yearthree@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:yearthree@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk)

It is always a pleasure to see all of your work.

