

Teacher notes

Year 6 Grammar: The Story of Baba Yaga

To write direct speech

In this lesson, pupils will learn how to write and punctuate direct speech where the reporting clause follows the spoken part.

This pack includes:

- › Teacher slides
- › Speech punctuation worksheet, plus answers
- › Writer's craft activity sheet

Revisit

Writing direct speech is often a feature of narrative texts. It is a great way to convey character and move the action on. Direct speech is used to show the exact words a character is saying (*slide 3*).

Teach

Explain there are different ways of writing direct speech. We will be looking at one particular style today where the reporting clause follows the spoken part (*slide 4*).

Cover the different parts of speech punctuation: inverted commas around the speech; capital letter to open the speech; comma (or question mark or exclamation mark) before closing the inverted commas; full stop after reporting clause (*slide 5*). Discuss the errors on slides *6 and 7*. Emphasis that the speech verb should be chosen to reflect how the words are being said (*slide 6*). However, there is nothing wrong with using 'said' if nothing else feels right.

Apply

Activity	Teaching points	Notes
1) Speech punctuation (shown on slide 9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Pupils to complete sheet, ticking the correctly punctuated sentences in part 1 and adding the correct speech punctuation in part 2.	
2) Writer's Craft activity (shown on slide 10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Pupils to write a section of dialogue between themselves and a witch, complete with correct punctuation. Aim for at least five separate speech sentences.	
Further tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Pupils peer assess partner's writer's craft activity.➤ Rewrite the sentences with the reporting clause at the beginning.	