

# Direct Speech Punctuation

In the Twinkl Originals story [The Curious Case of the Stolen Show](#), there are lots of instances of speech between the different characters. Read the following sentences and insert the inverted commas (" ") in the correct places.

- 1 I'm just excited! I shout and he laughs as he shakes his head.
- 2 Thought you'd like it, Dada beams back at me. Might have to try and make me one of those. Come on, then. Let's get a move on.
- 3 The next stop by request will be: Cathedral, comes the announcement.
- 4 I don't know. Dada ushers me along. I wouldn't worry about them.
- 5 I don't think they're trying to be mean, Dada says. I just think they care about the environment.

Read this passage of dialogue between Celeste, Demi and Celeste's friend. What do you notice about the text each time someone new speaks?

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"Is that why you were all here as well?" I ask. She seems much nicer than Celeste.

"Yeah," says the girl.

"No," says Celeste. The other girl gives her an odd look. "No. I mean, not just that. Yeah, we were going along but just hanging out here, too. These are my sister's friends from college. I'm helping them with their media studies project. They're doing some street photography and stuff."

"But you don't like Amasi?" I say to Celeste and make it sound like a question so it's less of an accusation. I think of the times she's teased me and said that only little kids were into Amasi.

"Course she does," the girl replies on her behalf.





Now, look at this picture of two characters from the story. What could they be saying to each other? Write some lines of dialogue between them and remember to include the correct punctuation and a new line for each new speaker.

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