

Idiom of the Week!

'Let's get cracking.'

To start a task promptly.

"Let's get cracking!" proclaimed Mr Parry, as Year 4 returned after the half-term holidays.

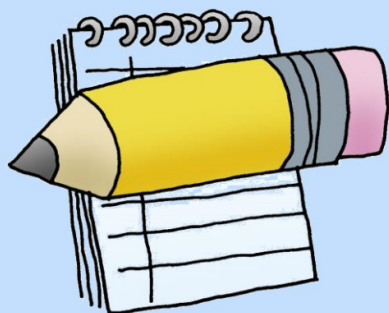


Poem of the Week!

River Journey

Read our Poem of the Week.

What do you think the poem is trying to tell you? Do you think there is a deeper meaning behind the poem?



I was born high in the hills,
jumped over stones,
chuckling and laughing.
I listened to winds playing
in the heather.

I grew into a bubbling burn,
wandered through fields,
yellow with buttercups.
I made music, singing songs
in the sunshine.

I became a shining stream,
wound my way among stones,
silver with darting fish.
I danced with long shadows
in the evening.

I hurried over rocks, under
bridges, grown-up at last,
my waters wide and deep, till
I tumbled into the open arms
of the sea.

Moira Andrew

This Week's Spellings



You are expected to learn these daily through the week and as part of your homework.

Arthur	mythical
adventure	whilst
rope	where
Iceland	charge
golden	return

Extra
with
saw
time
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during

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SPAG Review Speech

Yesterday, we explored speech and where to place speech marks.

Today, we are focusing on how to use exclamation marks, question marks and commas in direct speech.

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Have a think about why we use exclamation marks and question marks.

Watch the YouTube video on how to punctuate direct speech. There is also a guide to punctuating speech with commas, exclamation marks and question marks that you can read through.

[YouTube Link](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoE9ET6Cfal&feature=youtu.be) 

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[Website Guide](https://www.spellzone.com/blog/post.cfm?title=Use_Commas_in_Direct_Speech) 

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SPAG - Speech with question marks

When you are quoting direct speech that includes a question, the question mark must go inside the inverted commas (speech marks).

"Can you pass me that pencil?" asked James.

"What time does the sun rise in the morning?" quizzed Michael.

Cameron queried, "What did you have for your dinner?"

SPAG - Speech with exclamation marks

When you are quoting direct speech that includes somebody shouting or yelling, the exclamation mark must go inside the inverted commas (speech marks).

"Fruit and vegetables are my favourite!" yelled James.

"I love going to the park!" exclaimed Michael.

Cameron screamed, "Watch out!"

SPAG - Speech with commas

If direct speech follows the speaker, introduce the speech with a comma. The comma should come before the first speech mark.

Steve said, "Hello."

If direct speech is followed by the speaker, use a comma after the speech and before closing the speech mark.

"Hello," said Steve.

If speech is broken up by the speaker, one comma should go between the end of the speech and speech marks. The next comma should be inserted between the speaker and the next part of speech.

"Hello," said Steve, "I am thirty years old."

SPAG Task

Re-write the sentences below, adding speech marks, a question mark, exclamation mark or comma in the appropriate place.

You will not defeat me shouted Arthur.

What is your name asked Mr Jones.

Pass me that ruler please said Hannah.

Challenge

Can you improve these sentences by improving the choice of vocabulary or including adverbs? You could even create your own sentence that contains direct speech.