

Layout and punctuation of direct speech.

In direct speech the speaker's words are written exactly as they were said with no changes made.

The spoken words are placed between quotation (speech) marks.

Ashleigh said, "Tomorrow I will go to the park."



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