



Lesson 4

LI: To use direct speech.

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**Yesterday, we looked at the scene where Marcus rescues his father (Tata).
Today, we will continue writing about this scene using speech.**

Let's recap the speech rules

What do we need to remember to do when another character begins to speak?

"Where are you going Marcus?" bellowed Tata with his hands on his hips



Speech rules



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Closing punctuation
Closing speech marks
Speech tag
Challenge: extend with an action**

"Sulfur gas," Tata replied. His voice ragged from coughing. Without a moments thought, Tata grabbed Marcus's hand, quickly loaded the donkey and headed for the mountain. In the distance, smoke billowed from mount Vesuvius. Everybody was in a state of shock because Pompeii's greatest protector, Mount Vesuvius, filled with rage. Unexpectedly, he threw massive clouds of silver ash, which danced furiously towards the heavens, twisting and turning in every direction.

The walls, streets and gardens of their beloved Pompeii disappeared beneath a blanket of ash and stone. The sky was thick with pumice and black with soot. The faint sound of dogs barking and the muffled screams could be heard as they desperately clung onto one another.



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How could this conversation have continued?

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"Tata, perhaps we should go back!" coughed Marcus frantically

"There's no time." he replied firmly. "We must run to safety."

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Will I need to start a new line?
How will I ensure that the reader knows how the character feels?

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Task

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Continue the conversation between Tata and Marcus using your success criteria to ensure that you've used the correct speech rules!

CHALLENGE: Add a passer by into the conversation. How will he/she react to their conversation? What actions could you use to show how they feel?



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Author's Corner



Subordinating
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Which sentence below uses direct speech correctly

1. You must follow me up the mountain, shouted Tata.
2. "You must follow me up the mountain," shouted Tata.
3. "You must follow me up the mountain," shouted Tata
4. "you must follow me up the mountain," shouted Tata.

Now edit and improve your work

