

Reported and Direct Speech

Direct speech uses:

- speech marks
- the speaker's actual words
- new speaker, new line
- Narration about who said it can go **before, after** or **in amongst** the speaker's actual words.

Now use these rules to turn the following short reports into direct speech.

Think about the words which the person would have actually said. You will usually have to change the verb tense.

1. Paul told Lily that he was really happy to see her.

Paul said "Lilly, I'm really happy to see you!"

2. Katie explained that the puppies were still tiny and had not opened their eyes.

Katie explained, "the puppies are still tiny and have not opened their eyes."

3. Tim's mum asked him whether he had started his homework yet.

"Have you started your homework yet?" Tim's mum asked him.

4. Hassan's auntie told him to get his shoes on if he was going to go with her.

Hassan's aunt said, "get your shoes on if you are going to go with me!"

5. The captain ordered his men to prepare themselves thoroughly and to make sure they would be ready to leave at dawn the next day.

The captain ordered, "Men, prepare yourselves thoroughly and make sure you will be ready to leave at dawn tomorrow."
