

Shops are great places for conversation to take place. It might be that the characters in the shop know each other or it may be that they have never met before. Either way, the interactions which take place can help move a story along or give us useful insight into the characters.

Let's look again at Raj's newsagent and Ollivander's wand shop in Harry Potter.

Harry took the wand. He felt sudden warmth in his fingers. He raised the wand above his head, brought it swishing down through the dusty air and a stream of red and gold sparks shot from the end like a firework, throwing dancing spots of light on to the walls. Hagrid whooped and clapped and Mr Ollivander cried, "Oh, bravo! Yes, indeed, oh, very good. Well, well, well... how curious... how very curious..."

He put Harry's wand back into its box and wrapped it in brown paper, still muttering, "Curious... curious..."

"Sorry," said Harry, "but *what's* curious?"

Mr Ollivander fixed Harry with his pale stare.

"I remember every wand I've ever sold, Mr Potter. Every single wand. It so happens that the phoenix whose tail feather is in your wand, gave another feather – just one other. It is very curious indeed that you should be destined for this wand when its brother – why, its brother gave you that scar."

Here Harry is buying his first wand. The conversation that takes place between Mr Ollivander and Harry creates suspense and develops the story regarding Harry's scar.



"Ah, Miss Chloe!" said Raj, as she entered the shop. "What can I tempt you with today?"

"Hello Raj," said Chloe smiling. She always smiled when she saw Raj. It was partly because he was such a lovely man, and partly because he sold sweets.

"I have some Rolos on special offer!" announced Raj. "They have gone out of date and hardened. You may lose a tooth as you chew into one, but at 10p off you can't really argue!"

"Mmm, let me think," said Chloe scouring the racks and racks of confectionary.

“I had half a Lion bar earlier, you are welcome to make me an offer on the other half. I’ll take anything upwards of 15p.”

“I think I’ll just take a Crunchie, thanks Raj.”

“Buy seven Crunchie bars and you get an eighth Crunchie bar absolutely free!”



This interaction between Raj and Chloe shows us how each character feels about the other. Chloe appears fond of Raj and does not argue or make fun of his rather strange offers.

Today you have the choice of 3 tasks.

If you still feel you need a little practice with punctuating speech, you may choose **Task 1**. This involves adding appropriate punctuation to a passage of speech.

Task 2 involves adding appropriate punctuation but also upgrading and improving by thinking about adding actions and additional information

Task 3 involves you writing your own passage of speech - show off your knowledge of punctuation and wow me with your vocabulary choices.

On the next page, you will find a reminder of how to effectively punctuate speech. Use this to help you with your chosen task. You may choose to complete Task 1 or 2 as a reminder then challenge yourself by completing task 3.

Tips for writing speech

- The words which are spoken have inverted commas (speech marks) at the beginning and end. *"Good morning Chloe!" said Raj.*
- The first word inside the inverted commas should begin with a capital letter. *"Good morning Chloe!" said Raj.*
- Before closing the inverted commas you should add a piece of punctuation - a comma, full stop, exclamation or question mark. *"Good morning Chloe!" said Raj.*

If you are writing who said it first, you will need to add a comma before the inverted commas. Raj said, "Good morning Chloe!"

Finally, remember **New speaker, new line** each time a new character starts to speak you need to start a new line. Who said the speech would also be included on this new line

"Good morning Chloe!" said Raj.

Chloe looked up and replied, "Hello, how are you?"

To improve your writing, you may think about where you place the speech and who said it, you may think have synonyms for said - reported, announced, you may also add actions and details of what else is happening.

Task 1

Look at the passage below. Re write the passage adding inverted commas (speech marks) around the words which are spoken and capital letters at the start of each piece of speech. Try to challenge yourself by adding punctuation before closing the inverted commas (speech marks).

I don't need eight Crunchie bars, Raj said Chloe. I need some advice.

I don't think I am responsible enough to give advice replied Raj. but I'll try

well there's this girl I know at school she began

yes? a girl at school. not you asked Raj

no somebody else answered Chloe

right said Raj

Top Tip

Use a highlighter or underline the spoken words first to help you identify which words should be inside the brackets.

Task 2

Correctly punctuate and improve the passage below. Remember to use your reminder sheet above to help you. Think about how you could make the passage more interesting for the reader and what you could add to give us more information or help move the story along.

hello said Raj how are you this fine morning

I'm good thank you said chloe

what would you like said Raj

I'm not sure said Chloe

can I tempt you with one of my special offers said Raj

what are they said Chloe

18 Aeros for the price of 17 said Raj

Task 3

You can write your own passage of speech. It may be between Chloe and Raj or Harry and Mr Ollivander or between 2 characters of your own.

Remember use the reminder sheet above and try to use the speech to either move the story along by telling us more information, or to describe more about the characters.

Good Luck!