

English Activity – 22.4.20

Speech Punctuation.

Today we are going to revise the use of speech punctuation with two activities.

Activity 1 -

Look at this paragraph of dialogue from the story and tick off the success criteria as you see them:

“It’s easy,” boasted Tucky loudly, holding his boots above his head. “Come on, you can do it!”
“No, the water is too fast for me,” shouted David anxiously, watching the water foaming furiously around Tucky’s legs. “I’ll go on down to the stepping stones and cross there, like before.”
The two boys made their way to the middle of the stepping stones and looked at the gap they had to jump.
“I’ll go first,” shouted Tucky over the roar of the water, as he leapt to the pathway fearlessly. “Come on now, your turn.”
David replied nervously, “The water looks really high, I’m not sure about this?”
“You can do it, just jump high and you’ll be fine,” commanded his friend confidently.

Speech marks around the spoken words	
Punctuation mark before the closing speech mark eg. “Come on, you can do it”	
New speaker – new line (whenever the speaker changes – start a new line)	
Better words for said eg. Shouted	
Use of adverbs eg. Nervously	
Reporting clause sometimes begins the sentence (eg. David replied nervously, “The water looks really high, I’m not sure about this?”	

Activity 2

Copy out the sentences into your books and add suitable speech punctuation. Then improve your sentences using the success criteria listed above (especially using better words for said!)

1. Let's just go back home said Tucky.
2. But no-one believes us said David. Let's search for one more hour.
3. Even we don't believe we saw a plane anymore said Tucky. It must have been a dream.
4. You know that we saw it said David. We heard it. We have to find where it crashed.
5. Im dreading going to school tomorrow said Tucky. Everyone is going to pick on us.
6. Not if we find the crashed plane Tucky said David. Come on, we can find it. Let's do this!
7. Okay, but only for one more hour said Tucky. If we don't find it, then we are going back home.
8. I know what we saw said David. It has to be close by. It shouldn't take much longer to find.

Check your improved sentences against the success criteria – did you manage to include each one? If you did, well done!