

Using Direct and Reported Speech - Gold

1) Decide whether these examples are direct or reported speech and add the correct punctuation in each case. Remember that direct speech is the actual words said, but reported speech is not.

- a) I love to go fishing remarked Bob
- b) Joe said that he felt ill
- c) The Inspector told us he was investigating the case
- d) We want to go out right now shouted Layla
- e) Mr Bates frowned and then said I just can't remember any more

2) Summarise this conversation in reported speech.

"What were you doing on Tuesday evening?" asked the detective.

"Er... let me think," replied Mr Bates. "Oh yes – that's right – taking the dog for a walk. We always go out about eleven."

"And what did you see on Tuesday night?"

"Well, at first it looked normal. Then I thought, 'Wow! Look at that!'"

"Tut! Can you be more precise? What was it you saw?"

"In the street light on the corner I could see loads of like greeny blob things. Weird. It was really weird." Mr Bates scratched his head and pondered.

"Could you tell me more about these - er – 'greeny blob things'?"

"At first I was like, 'Wow! What's that?' Then when they got closer I could see it was frogs on lily pads. Flying."

"And how many were there, do you estimate?"

"Oh loads. Loads of them. Yeah. Weird."

3) Turn the conversation from the image below into a piece of descriptive writing that includes direct speech. You can add as much detail as you like (you can even turn it into a whole story!) but you **MUST** show that you can punctuate the speech accurately.

