

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - Day 2**

**LO: I can write direct speech**

Positive news may seem hard to come by at the moment but we are going to go in search of some this week! There are always kind, creative and exciting events going on locally, nationally and internationally - we just don't always hear about them. It is great when a journalist does decide to share something positive. It makes us smile, feel thankful and want to celebrate!

Here is one example:

**Captain Tom: 100-year-old fundraiser is now a children's author**



**The inspirational Captain Tom Moore shot to fame in April after he raised over £32 million for the NHS for walking 100 laps of his garden.**

Yesterday, we found out that he isn't quite finished on his fundraising endeavour!

Captain Tom hopes to inspire the next generation of heroes by releasing a children's picture book which tells the story of his life.

The book, which doesn't have a title yet, will be released in Autumn 2020 alongside his autobiography which is called "Tomorrow Will Be A Good Day". Money raised from the sale of the books will go to his new charity - The Captain Tom Foundation - and will help tackle loneliness, support hospices and help those facing bereavement.

**Task**

1. Read the Newsround report above.
2. Imagine you are interviewing Captain Tom Moore about his picture book. You may like to do some hot seating just like we do at school! Ask a member of your family to be the interviewer or Captain Tom Moore.

3. In your book, record the imagined interview (or the one you have acted out). What questions might you ask Captain Tom Moore about this latest news?

For example:

Reporter: *Why have you decided to write a book for children?*

Tom Moore: *I've been overwhelmed by the cards and lovely messages that young people have sent me. I wanted to write something to say thank you.*

4. Take parts of Captain Tom Moore's interview and change his answers into examples of direct speech.

For example:

*"I wanted to write something to say thank you," explained Captain Tom Moore.*

5. Use our steps to success below to proofread your **direct speech**:

- wrap what has been said in speech marks (inverted commas)
- check that there is a capital letter at the start and an appropriate piece of punctuation before the closing speech mark
- write a short reporting clause with an alternative word for 'said' (use lower case letters)

# Challenge Can you remember how to change direct speech into **reported speech**? Here is an example:

Captain Tom Moore explained **that he had** wanted to write something to say thank you.

- change the 1st person to 3rd person
- identify the tense and change appropriately
  - present tense changes to past*
  - past tense changes to a 'had' tense (past perfect)*
  - future tense changes to 'would'*
- use the word **'that'**
- starting with the speaker's name, rehearse the sentence aloud - there should be no speech marks