

I teach English in a Pupil Referral Unit, and my lovely boys were struggling with the use of speech marks. Having looked at the ideas on this ace site I worked with my team and we developed a "Speech mark washing line"

We invented three characters, male, female and a rabbit, and produced some labels ie "Rory exclaimed" "Brenda whispered" etc. I then stretched a washing line across the board, and had two pegs with the speech marks on.

The lovely boys had to then write something someone would say onto a piece of paper. We then matched one of the labels with one of their speeches, and hung the speech on the washing line, and then wrote it out beneath on the board. They soon grasped it is only the reported speech that hangs on the line, and the pegs(speech marks) keep it in place.

They then completed the worksheet, attached by either cutting and sticking, or writing it out, and the work was then displayed once it had been checked on another washing line, all pegged up!

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Speech Marks. Fabulous work by:



Rory wondered

I'm a bit out of breath,

Brenda whispered

You are really annoying me,

Tony exclaimed

I'm so glad you are here.

agreed Rory

Wow! You look fantastic!

thought Brenda

I need to go for a wee,

shouted Tony

Yes, I do take sugar in my tea,

wheezed Rory

How does my teacher look so fantastic?