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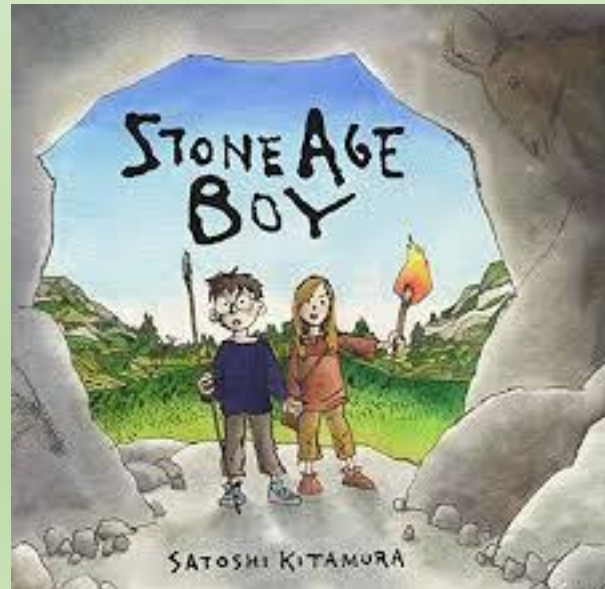
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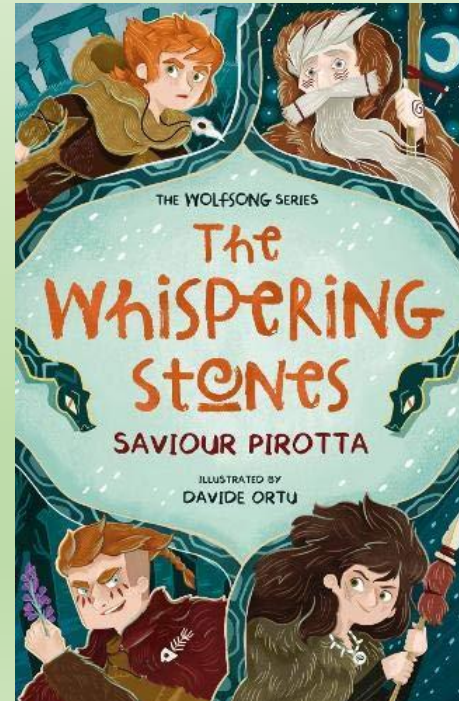
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Saviour Pirotta has written another book in his Wolfsong series, called *The Whispering Stones*. It follows on from the *Stolen Spear* and is set at the beginning of the Heavy Metal Ages.



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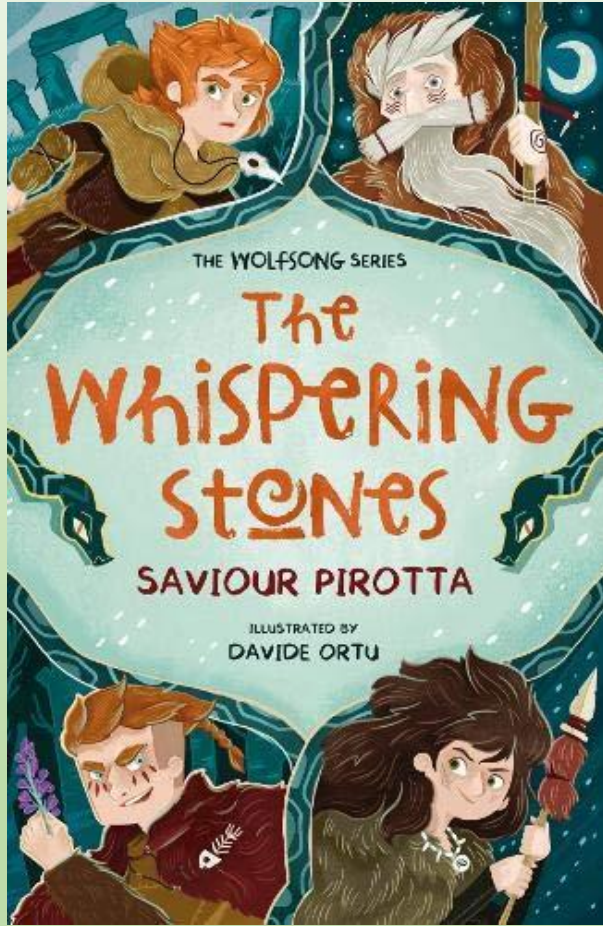
What can you remember about The Stolen Spear?

Who were the main characters?

What happened in the Story?

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Today we will read an extract with speech from The Whispering Stones and identify and punctuate the direct speech.

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What is direct  
speech?

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Direct speech is where we write the actual words that someone is saying.

We punctuate this using inverted commas.

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Inverted commas can also be called speech marks.



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The speech marks

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Can look like a tiny 66 and a tiny 99.

They are written just above the  
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Speech marks only go around the actual words that are being said out loud.

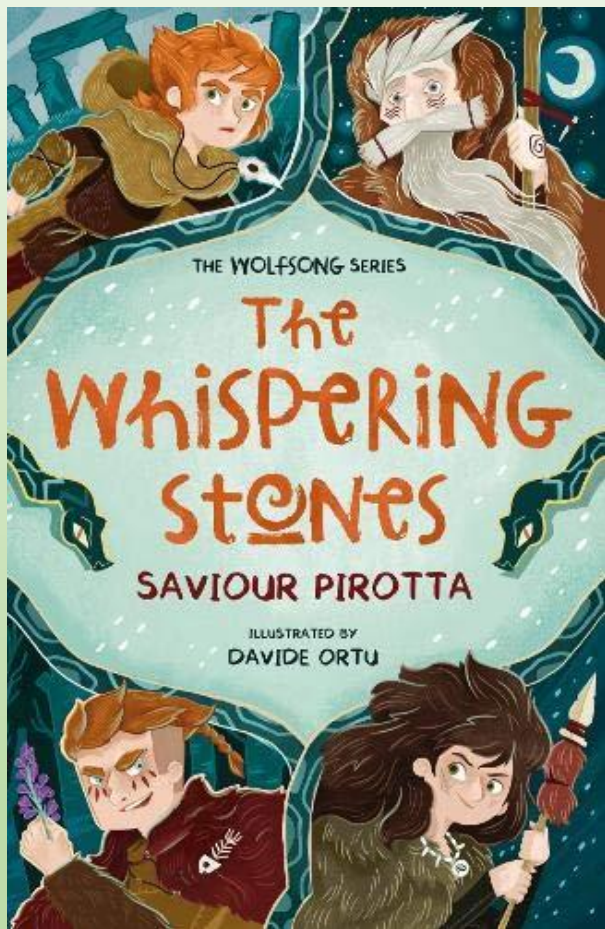
This is the **direct speech**.

said and the character's name are not included in the speech marks.

**"We must return the spear to its rightful owner,"** said Moon.

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## Metal Ages vocabulary

In the Metal Ages, around 2150BC, people believed in lots of different gods and spirits.

**shaman**: a person who was believed to have access to the hidden or spirit world.

**healer**: a person who was believed to be able to cure illnesses.

Now listen to this extract from The Whispering Stones.  
(pg 9 – ‘without you’ on page 18)

Soon we will look at it in more detail and notice the direct speech.

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**You men go outside and wait until I call you, said Moon.**

**Make sure you don't trip over them, warned Moon**

**Step forward and give him back his spear, said Moon gently.**

**Please keep on protecting our village, I whispered to the ancient healer. We are helpless without you.**

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## Speech marks rules!

- Put your **speech marks** at the beginning and end of the **direct speech (the words being spoken)**
- Begin the **direct speech** with a **capital letter**.
- End the **direct speech** with a piece of punctuation like **? ! or ,**
- Start each new speaker on a new line.
- Put your **full stop** at the end of the whole sentence, including both the direct speech and the explanation of which character spoke.

**“A new moon brings new beginnings,”** said Moon.

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**After our Zoom, read the sentences with direct speech on your sheet.**

**First section**

**Circle the **speech marks** “ ”.**

**Underline the **direct speech** (the words being spoken).**

**Second section**

**Carefully add in the **speech marks** in the correct places.**

**© Add a sentence using direct speech and “ ”  
underneath your sheet.**

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Can you circle the speech marks and underline the direct speech in this writing?

"Becoming a shaman and healer is not so easy. There will be many tests but am here to help you," said Moon kindly.

"Thank you," I said, feeling embarrassed.

"But first we must return the spear to its rightful owner," said Moon

Can you add speech marks correctly in this writing?

But father! protested Rain, I am your son, it is my right to help you with your work.

I said Wolf will come with me, said Moon firmly.

You men go outside and wait until I call you, ordered Moon.

May I sing? I asked.

© Add some sentences of your own using direct speech and " "

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