

Direct speech

She said, "I am going."

"Where are you taking that?"
asked the policeman.

The girl whined, "I'm tired!"

"Is that a new pencil?" enquired
the teacher.

"It's not fair!" the young child
shouted.

Reported speech

She said she was going.

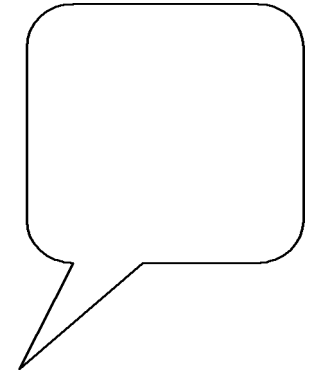
The policeman asked where the object was being taken.

The girl whined that she was tired.

The teacher enquired whether it was a new pencil.

The young child shouted that it was not fair.

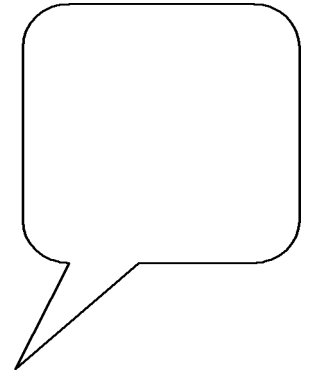
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Words are actually spoken.
In the text this is indicated
by the use of speech marks:

“Be quiet!” I said.

Reported speech



The writer reports what
has been said.

Speech marks are not used:

I told him to be quiet.