

## Direct Quotes

### TN Language Arts Checks for Understanding

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Direct quotes are the EXACT words said or written by someone.

When written, direct quotes are placed in quotation marks. If included with an interrupter (he said, she said, etc.), the interrupter is set apart from the quote with commas.

#### EXAMPLES:

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”  
~Martin Luther King, Jr.

“These are the times that try men’s souls.”  
~Thomas Paine

“Thinking is the hardest work there is which is the probable reason why so few engage in it.”  
~Henry Ford

Used in a sentence, these would look like the following:

Martin Luther King, Jr., said, “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

“These are the times that try men’s souls,” said Thomas Paine.

“Thinking is the hardest work there is,” stated Henry Ford, “which is the probable reason why so few engage in it.”

**Practice using the correct punctuation and capitalization on the following quotes.**

1. "You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist." -- Indira Gandhi
2. "He that is good at making excuses is seldom good at anything else." -- Benjamin Franklin
3. "The way to be nothing is to do nothing." -- Nathaniel Howe
4. "We must be authors of the history of our age." -- Madeleine Albright
5. "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind him distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." -- George Washington Carver
6. "We may all have come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now." -- Martin Luther King Jr.
7. "Genius is 1 percent inspiration, 99 percent perspiration." -- Thomas Edison

8. "Your children need your presence more than your presents." -- Jesse Jackson
9. "He that flings dirt at another dirties himself most." -- Thomas Fuller
10. "Be kind; everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle." -- John Watson

*Using a nonfiction book, the Internet, or your textbook, locate direct quotes said or written by \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Write the quote as the examples are written at the beginning of this worksheet. (Once with the quotes and speaker/writer and once in sentence format with an interrupter.)**

**Include your reaction/interpretation to the quote.**

EXAMPLE:

"Statistically 100 percent of the shots you don't take don't go in." ~ Wayne Gretsky

Wayne Gretsky said, "Statistically 100 percent of the shots you don't take don't go in."

It is better to take a chance and possibly fail than to never take a chance at all. If you never take a chance, it is certain that you will not achieve that goal.