Thursday 17th September.

Can I write sentences that use speech?

Today for our English lesson we will be looking at speech sentences. Now remember we are looking at speech sentences but we are not writing a script. Our paragraph for today must include other elements of writing but must have specific speech sentences. There are some rules to remember when writing speech sentences (you can also see them in the powerpoint!) Speech sentences must include inverted commas (formally known as speech marks.) Inverted commas surround the words that are being spoken. Take a look at the example below:

Thankfully, my best friend Hannah was waiting for me outside the school gates. I ran over to her as quickly as I could.

“You will never guess what!” I panted.

“What?” questioned Hannah, totally unfazed by my nervousness.

“I found a dragon in my bedroom and I didn’t know what to do with it so I have brought it into school.” I answered, relieved that I had finally told somebody. Hannah stared at me and then started laughing uncontrollably.

“I swear I did!” I protested. I started unzipping my bag, “have a look for yourself!”

Hannah looked into my messy school bag. She looked back at me as if I was crazy. I looked down half expecting to see the baby dragon curled up comfortably in my tin foiled sandwich. But to my horror, the dragon had gone!

I have underlined my speech sentences. Notice the way in which punctuation is varied within speech sentences. It is also used within the inverted commas for example: “You will never guess what!” I panted. The sentence includes an exclamation point within the inverted commas. ‘I panted’ is not included because I id not say that out loud I am just telling the reader how I said it. Below is a starting point for your own paragraph. You are going to create a paragraph in which you tell someone about the dragon within your bedroom. Your paragraph must include speech sentences but remember it is not a script you should also include sentences with other writing elements like I have in the class example above.

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(Feel free to use these sentences below as a starting point for your paragraph. This is what I wrote in felt on the video.)

I ran as fast as I could to my best friend Lucas. “Lucas!” I shouted, “come here!”

“What’s up with you?” questioned Lucas.