

Punctuating direct speech

Section 1 – Put in the speech marks and the commas or question marks.

- 1) She thought to herself If only I had a child as white as snow, as red as blood, and as black as ebony wood
- 2) The stepmother asked Mirror, mirror, on the wall, Who in this land is fairest of all
- 3) The mirror replied You, my queen, are fairest of all
- 4) Then, one day, the mirror answered You, my queen, are fair; it is true. But Snow-White is a thousand times fairer than you
- 5) She summoned a huntsman and said to him Take Snow-White out into the woods. I never want to see her again. Kill her, and as proof that she is dead bring her lungs and her liver back to me

Section 2 – Write these out, using a reporting clause.

- 1) Snow-White - Oh, dear huntsman, let me live.
- 2) Huntsman - Run away, you poor child.
- 3) First dwarf - Who has been sitting in my chair?
- 4) Another dwarf - Who has been cutting with my knife?
- 5) All the dwarfs - This child is so beautiful!

Section 3 – Add a reporting clause and an adverbial clause

- 1) Dwarfs - What is your name?
- 2) 'Pedlar woman' - Beautiful wares for sale, for sale!
- 3) Snow White - I can let that honest woman in.
- 4) Witch - Come, let me lace you up properly.
- 5) Witch Now let me comb your hair properly.
- 6) Stepmother - Snow-White shall die if it costs me my life!