**Direct Speech (and Apostrophes)**

Dad said lets go to the beach

The children screamed yes, yes, yes

Its nice that the kids are so easily pleased chortled Mum the best bit is that the beach is free

Apart from the fish and chips she admitted

And don’t forget the ice creams Dad reminded her were up for 5 of those at $3.00 each

**When to Use Single Quotation Marks**

*For direct speech within direct speech:*

Sue told John, “Yes. Dad said, ‘let’s go to the beach’ so we are going now”.

*Things that aren’t quite right to fit into the sentence they are in:*

John told a ‘funny’ joke again (showing the joke wasn’t really funny)

It’s what I call, ‘chalking out the tactics’ (showing it is a funny saying someone has that most others wouldn’t say)

He calls it, ‘down the guts’ (same as above)

Politicians ‘care’ about their constituents (shows they don’t really care)

Do you know what ‘dilligrout’ is? (shows that this is a word that is unusual or perhaps foreign, which is under discussion)

The Greek word ‘kyrios’ means ‘lord’ or ‘master’ (first one shows that this is a foreign word and others that these are specific meanings – separates them out for clarity)

Many of these ‘dills’ could be top students if they put their minds to it (shows it is a word the speaker wouldn’t normally say or doesn’t really mean)

I resent being alluded to as a ‘silly’ by one of clearly low intelligence (is an informal word in a formal sentence so it doesn’t belong)