

Speech Marks

Below is an extract from "Street Child" by Berlie Doherty which includes the use of direct speech. Notice the use of new lines for each speaker. What is said is in bold type.

"Please, sir" Jim said.

"I'm not sir," the man said. **"I'm only doing my turn, like the rest of them. I'm only Joseph, not sir."** He swung his head away from Jim's feet and spat on the floor. **"I hate sir, same as you."**

"Please, Joseph, tell me where the infirmary is."

"Why should I tell you that?" Joseph asked, his eyes fixed on Jim's feet again.

Copy out the following extract and add the necessary punctuation. Underline what is spoken.

We don't give to beggars the girl said, trying to edge him out of the door again with her knee.

I'm looking for Emily said Jim.

Emily? There's no Emily here.

Emily Jarvis. She helps Rosie out in the kitchen.

Rosie? Who's she The girl was laughing down at him through her loose hair.

Rosie Jim said. You must know Rosie. She's got big arms. And she don't like making bread.

The girl burst out laughing and looked over her shoulder at a woman who was sewing by the table.

Hear that she said. There's no one here who doesn't like making bread, is there She laughed again, and the other woman laughed back in a mocking sort of way

You'll have to go, sonny the girl said. You've snooped round for long enough, I reckon.

