Essential Skill: Direct Quotations

Soccer Club

TRANSCRIPT

HOOK 1

Hi, writers. It's Anne. When I was younger, I loved playing different sports. One sport I really enjoyed was cheerleading.

Cheerleading takes a lot of strength, flexibility, and practice. I would practice for hours. I also watched other cheer teams practice so that I could learn as much as possible. I didn't know a lot about cheerleading when I first started out, but it was fun to learn more and get better over time.

DISCUSSION 1

Discuss: What sports would you like to learn more about?

HOOK 2

Maybe you set a sport that uses a board, like snowboarding. Or a sport that requires quick reflexes, like table tennis. Or maybe a sport that involves running across a field, like ultimate frisbee.

My friend Ezra and his friends just started a new soccer team. This will be Ezra's very first time playing soccer. His team needs more players, so he wants to help by writing an email telling other kids more about soccer. Ezra hopes that his email will give more

information to anyone who's interested in joining. Here's what he began to write: In soccer, you will need to wear special shoes called cleats.

After writing his first sentence, Ezra got stuck. He's still a beginner, so he knows why you should wear cleats in soccer, but he's not really sure why cleats are needed. He really wants his email to have plenty of detailed information about soccer so that it answers any questions the other beginners have.

DISCUSSION 2

Discuss: How can Ezra learn more information about soccer?

HOOK 3

There are lots of ways Ezra could learn more. He could read a book, or find information from an article, or talk to someone who has more experience playing soccer, like an expert.

Ezra wants to let other kids know about soccer and invite them to the team. But since he's a beginner, he needs some help. He thinks his email will be more convincing with information from someone who knows more about soccer than he does. He decides to talk to his coach—Coach Trieu. He's an expert at soccer because he has been playing and coaching for a long time. Let's see what Coach Trieu said about Ezra's first sentence.

> - "That's right. Cleats keep you from slipping and sliding on the field. The flat spikes on the bottom also help you get control of the ball."

See how Coach Trieu's words have these symbols at the beginning and end of his words? These are called *quotation marks*. Writers use quotation marks to show a person's exact words. And since these are Coach Trieu's exact words, this is called a *quote*.

When writers are learning about something new, they look to experts. Writers use the words of the expert to teach themselves and their readers more about their topic. Ezra wasn't sure why cleats were needed, so he used a quote from Coach Trieu to help explain this for his readers.

Ezra needs your help including Coach Trieu's expert information in his writing. You'll use Coach Trieu's words and some sentence starters to help add quotes to Ezra's email.

I'll get you started, step by step.

STEP 1

Get your supplies. Each student needs a Quote the Coach worksheet.

STEP 2

In today's lesson, you'll need someone to share ideas with. This could be a partner or someone you sit near. When everyone knows who their talk partner is, move on to the next step.

STEP 3

Now let's practice something you'll do each time you share with your partner. Anytime you read one of Coach Trieu's quotes out loud to your partner, make air quotes, like this.

Let's try an example together. I'll put a sentence up on the screen and each time I get to a quotation mark, I want you to make a silent air quote.

Ready?

Coach TrIeu says, "Soccer is a fun team sport that anyone can learn!"

Great work! Now let's move on to the next step.

STEP 4

Ezra read over what he wrote in his email so far but noticed something was missing. How will his readers know who said this quote? Maybe he knows that Coach Trieu said this, but there's nothing telling his readers that. One way to help introduce who you are quoting is to add a few words before the quote to let readers know who said it.

Point to number 1 on your worksheet.

You'll see a few sentence starters that could be used to introduce Coach Trieu's quote.

Circle the one you would like to use. You can pick any one of these three.

STEP 5

Write your sentence by writing the sentence starter you circled in front of Coach Trieu's quote.

STEP 6

Here's what Ezra wrote: According to Coach Trieu, "Cleats keep you from slipping and sliding on the field. The flat spikes on the bottom also help you get control of the ball."

You may have picked a different sentence starter and that's okay.

Now, share with your partner. Take turns reading the sentence you wrote. Remember to use air quotes before and after you read Coach Trieu's words.

STEP 7

Ezra wrote this next sentence for his email: You will need to run a lot at soccer practice.

When he asked Coach Trieu about this, Coach Trieu said this: "You can do Shuttle Runs to build your energy level in soccer, which means running at the same pace between two cones."

Point to number 2.

Circle the sentence starter you would like to use in the left column. You can pick any one of these three.

STEP 8

Write your sentence by writing the sentence starter you circled in front of Coach Trieu's quote.

STEP 9

Share with your partner. Take turns reading the sentence you wrote. Remember to use air quotes when you read Coach Trieu's words.

STEP 10

Here's what Ezra's next sentence said: You will learn to dribble the ball to move it down the field.

When Ezra asked Coach Trieu more about this, Coach Trieu added, "You can practice by moving the ball with the inside part of your feet."

Point number 3.

Circle the sentence starter you would like to use in the left column. You can pick any one of these three.

STEP 11

Write your sentence. This time, you will write the sentence starter you chose and Coach Trieu's words. Don't forget to use a comma to separate your sentence starter and quotation marks to show Coach Trieu's exact words, like this.

STEP 12

Share with your partner. Take turns reading the sentence you wrote. Remember to use air quotes when you read Coach Trieu's words.

STEP 13

Here's what Ezra's last sentence said: It's important to warm up before every practice and game.

Listen to what Coach Trieu added to Ezra's last sentence, "A great way to warm up is by stretching and doing passing drills."

Point number 4.

Write the sentence starter you'd like to use on the lines here. You can use one you already used or think of something new to introduce Coach Trieu's quote. Here are some examples:

STEP 14

Write your sentence using a sentence starter and Coach Trieu's words. Don't forget to use a comma to separate your sentence starter and quotation marks to show Coach Trieu's exact words.

STEP 15

Share with your partner. Take turns reading the sentence you wrote. Remember to use air quotes when you read Coach Trieu's words.

WRAP UP

Wow! Look at this email. It sounds so much more convincing with quotes from an expert like Coach Trieu! Now Ezra's email will give even more information to anyone who's interested in joining Ezra's soccer team. Hopefully, some new friends will be joining his team soon.

Using quotes from experts are a great tool to use in any piece of writing. See if you can find more people to quote as experts in your writing.

Thanks for your help, writers. See you next time.