**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to incorporate the actions of the speaker when writing sentences about giraffes that include direct speech.

**Challenge 1**

**Punctuate the sentences correctly with speech marks and complete each sentence with an appropriate ‘said’ alternative.**

1) I am not surprised that a giraffe’s heart weighs over eleven kilograms, the professor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the student.

2) A giraffe’s stinky odour keeps parasites away, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ David to his mother.

3) As the children gathered around, the Deadly 60 presenter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, You will be amazed to hear that a giraffe’s tongue is black.

4) Heather impressed her mum by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , Did you know that a giraffe calf can stand up within thirty minutes of being born?

**Challenge 2**

**Complete each sentence with a stage direction, telling the reader what the speaker is doing as he/she is speaking.**

1) “Wild giraffes spend up to twenty hours a day eating leaves,” said the zookeeper to her new assistant as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

2) “Stand back! A giraffe’s kick is powerful enough to kill a lion,” shouted Martyn as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

3) As she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , Roisin told her brother, “Giraffes need only drink once every several days as they get most of their water from the leaves they eat.”

4) “Is it really true that a giraffe has the same number of neck bones as a human?” David asked as\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5) As the cameraman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , he whispered to the producer, “A fight this ferocious is extremely rare.”

**Challenge 3**

**It is the dry season, and African animals of all shapes and sizes have gathered at a waterhole. What might the animals say to each other? Record some of these conversations using some great stage directions to tell the reader exactly what they were doing at the waterhole.**