Four ways to write speech

1) A speech bubble coming from a picture of a person



Would you mind telling me in your own words what happened on Tuesday evening?

Well, I'd been watching telly all evening. Suddenly I came over quite tired and as I sat in the armchair I started to doze.



2) Play script

Policeman: What else do you remember?

Mrs Grundy: Well, I remember quite a distinctive damp smell, a bit like a pond. And an overwhelming

sense that everything was green. Strange really.

3) Conversation in speech marks

"Can you explain what you mean by that?" asked the policeman.

"Yes – no – well, it's difficult really. The truth is, there were a lot of toads in the room," replied Mrs Grundy. "On lily pads they were. And I'm not someone who's ever encouraged toads in the sitting room. Though they didn't make the furniture dirty," she added thoughtfully, "because they were flying."

"How can you be sure there were flying toads in your sitting room?" persisted the policeman.

4) Reported speech

Mrs Grundy reported that when she awoke, she looked through the window and is sure she saw the last toad flying off into the distance. he said that there were traces of pond weed and slime in several places in her sitting room. she added that the piano is now unplayable because of the slime on the keys.