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Malala gives a speech in front of a packed crowd

Yesterday, in Oslo, Malala Yousafzai became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for her work around protecting the rights of children and young people.

In the cold peaceful air of Oslo, Norway, Malala Yousafzai (commonly known as 'Malala') became the youngest person ever to receive a Nobel Peace Prize at only 17 years of age. Receiving the prize capped an incredible two years for the youngster, who also gave a speech to the UN on her 16th birthday.

Malala's work, which originally centred around protecting the rights of girls' access to education, has been recognised around the world. She commented, "I will not stop my work, receiving this prize is only the start!".

The youngster from Pakistan, where she grew up, now lives in the UK. Malala's father was the headteacher of her local school and, like her, strongly believed in equal education for both boys and girls. Unfortunately, during this time girls' schools were being ordered to close as other people in the country didn't share the same view as Malala and her family. Her father regularly stated that it was an awful shame that girls were unable to access education.

Despite this, Malala decided to make a difference. Five years ago, she wrote her first online blog explaining the issues she (and other girls) faced. Her message quickly became very popular; soon after, she was interviewed on TV and gave public speeches, where she regularly explained her dream of equal education for all.

Unfortunately, some people did not agree with Malala's ideas. Later, she was seriously injured as she travelled on the bus home from school. After receiving medical treatment in the UK, Malala made an incredible recovery. The injuries she suffered simply encouraged her to spread her positive message even more.

After making her recovery, Malala wrote her inspirational ideas into her very own book 'I am Malala'. Her writing, speeches and interviews earned her the ultimate prize yesterday. Whilst some receive a Nobel Prize for their life-long work, Malala – aged 17 – claims that she, "Will commit her life to ensuring global education equality."

As she continues her studies in the UK, Malala's undeniable influence continues to grow around the world. The limits of her powers are yet to be seen.

TASK

1. Read through this model newspaper report
2. Highlight examples of **direct speech**
HINT look for the inverted commas
3. Next, highlight examples of **indirect/reported speech**
HINT speech punctuation isn't used for indirect speech