

# Varied Fluency

## Step 6: Direct Speech

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G5.7) [Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech](#)

English Year 3: (3G5.7) [direct speech](#)

English Year 3: (3G5.7) [inverted commas \(or 'speech marks'\)](#)

### Differentiation:

**Developing** Questions to support identifying and using direct speech. Using 'said' and 'asked' and putting speech first.

**Expected** Questions to support identifying and using direct speech. Using synonyms for 'said' and mixing the order of speech.

**Greater Depth** Questions to support identifying and using direct speech. Using synonyms for 'said', mixing the order of speech and including conversation between two people.

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## Direct Speech

1a. Underline the spoken words in the sentence below:

Go and wash your hands, the teacher said.



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1b. Underline the spoken words in the sentence below:

Can you shut the door? asked Dan.



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2a. Tick the sentence that uses inverted commas correctly.

A. "It's my birthday," Annie said.

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B. "Can I come to your party? asked Eli.

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2b. Tick the sentence that uses inverted commas correctly.

A. "Where are you going? asked Sam."

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B. "You can come too," said Julian.

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3a. Circle the inverted commas that are incorrect.

"It is a lovely sunny day," Julia said."



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3b. Circle the inverted commas that are incorrect.

"Hurry up!" Why aren't you ready yet?" asked Dad.



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4a. Rewrite the sentence below using the correct punctuation.

We could play this game said Albie



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4b. Rewrite the sentence below using the correct punctuation.

Would you like to go swimming he asked



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## Direct Speech

5a. Underline the spoken words in the sentence below:

Mum asked, What would you like to drink?



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5b. Underline the spoken words in the sentence below:

I would like lemonade, replied the girl.



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6a. Tick the sentence that uses inverted commas correctly.

A. Alice screeched "We are going on holiday!"

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B. "Where shall we eat?" I asked.

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C. "Come over here! ordered Otto."

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6b. Tick the sentence that uses inverted commas correctly.

A. "We have missed the bus, cried" Suzie.

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B. "Is this the correct way? enquired the child."

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C. Julian shouted, "Sit down!"

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7a. Circle any inverted commas that are incorrect.

"How are you feeling today?" the doctor asked "sympathetically."



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7b. Circle any inverted commas that are incorrect.

"It's raining," but it's going to brighten up later," reported Faye."



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8a. Rewrite the sentence below using the correct punctuation.

Sally said I think we should take our bikes with us



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8b. Rewrite the sentence below using the correct punctuation.

The receptionist bellowed next please



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## Direct Speech

9a. Underline the spoken words in the sentences below:

Seb asked, Shall we take the bus?

Not today, replied Ally.



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## Direct Speech

9b. Underline the spoken words in the sentences below:

I love theme parks, declared Joe.

Me too, agreed his sister.



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10a. Tick the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

A. Josh asked, "can I play."

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B. "Harry, come in for tea please," called Dad.

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C. "I don't want to go to bed yet", moaned Sophia.

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10b. Tick the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

A. "It was not offside," protested the footballer

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B. "The train has been delayed" he explained.

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C. He gasped when he entered the sea, "it's cold!"

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11a. Circle any inverted commas that are incorrect.

"Please can I come too?" asked Demi."

"No," answered Hallie, "not today."



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11b. Circle any inverted commas that are incorrect.

"Sit down"! ordered the headteacher, "Now!"

"Yes sir," replied the student."



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12a. Rewrite the conversation below using the correct punctuation.

I am going to the market said  
Adrian would you like anything  
no thanks answered his brother



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12b. Rewrite the conversation below using the correct punctuation.

Imran shouted to his sister can you  
get me a drink please I will she  
answered but wait a minute.



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### Developing

- 1a. Go and wash your hands, the teacher said.
- 2a. A
- 3a. Inverted commas after 'said' circled.
- 4a. "We could play this game," said Albie.

### Expected

- 5a. Mum asked, What would you like to drink?
- 6a. B
- 7a. The inverted commas before and after 'sympathetically' circled.
- 8a. Sally said, "I think we should take our bikes with us."

### Greater Depth

- 9a. Seb asked, Shall we take the bus? Not today, replied Ally.
- 10a. B
- 11a. Inverted commas after 'Demi' circled.
- 12a. "I am going to the market." said Adrian, "Would you like anything?" "No thanks," answered his brother.

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### Developing

- 1b. Can you shut the door? asked Dan.
- 2b. B
- 3b. Inverted commas after 'up' circled.
- 4b. "Would you like to go swimming?" he asked.

### Expected

- 5b. I would like lemonade, replied the girl.
- 6b. C
- 7b. The inverted commas after 'raining' and 'Faye' circled.
- 8b. The receptionist bellowed, "Next please!"

### Greater Depth

- 9b. I love theme parks, declared Joe. Me too, agreed his sister.
- 10b. A
- 11b. Inverted commas after 'down' and 'student' circled.
- 12b. Imran shouted to his sister, "Can you bring me a drink, please?" "I will," she answered, "but wait a minute."