

Application and Reasoning

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:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Change indirect speech into direct speech using 'asked' and 'said'.

Expected Change indirect speech into direct speech using synonyms for 'said'.

Greater Depth Change indirect speech with multiple speakers into direct speech using synonyms for 'said'.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Write direct speech to match a given scenario using 'asked' and 'said'.

Expected Write direct speech to match a given scenario using synonyms for 'said'.

Greater Depth Write direct speech to match a given scenario involving more than one speaker using synonyms for 'said'.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain whether direct speech has been punctuated correctly. Direct speech is before the reporting clause. Reporting clause uses 'asked' or 'said'.

Expected Explain whether direct speech has been punctuated correctly. Direct speech is before and after the reporting clause. Synonyms for 'said' are used.

Greater Depth Explain whether direct speech has been punctuated correctly. Direct speech involves multiple speakers. Direct speech is before, after and separated by the reporting clause. Synonyms used for 'said'.

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Direct Speech

1a. Change the indirect speech in the sentence below into direct speech.

Tiana asked if she could watch television.



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Direct Speech

1b. Change the indirect speech in the sentence below into direct speech.

Lukas said that he was going to catch the bus.



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2a. When Tom is playing football, his ball smashes a plant pot.

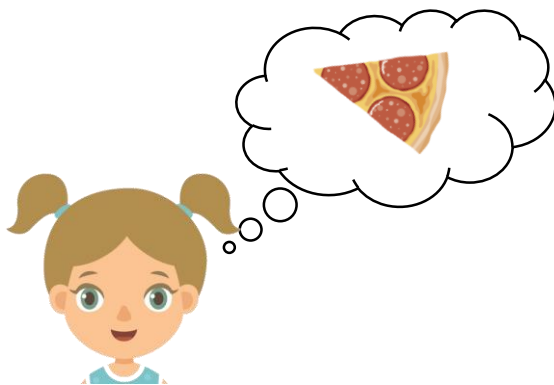


Use direct speech to write what Tom might say to his mum.



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2b. Kirsten would like pizza for her dinner.



Use direct speech to write what Kirsten might say to the school cook.



A

3a. Suzie has punctuated the direct speech in the sentence below.

"I love apple crumble," Said Lucy.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.



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3b. Viktor has punctuated the direct speech in the sentence below.

"Do you want to play out? asked Troy."

Is he correct? Explain your answer.



R

Direct Speech

4a. Change the indirect speech in the sentence below into direct speech.

The old lady asked the shopkeeper for two scones and a loaf of bread.



A

Direct Speech

4b. Change the indirect speech in the sentence below into direct speech.

Samuel whispered to Florence that she was his best friend.



A

5a. Carl is playing his drums very loudly in his bedroom.



Use direct speech to write what Carl's mum might say to Carl.



A

5b. Joe and Laurel are running. Joe boasts that he is the fastest runner.



Use direct speech to write what Joe might say to Laurel.



A

6a. Dennis has punctuated the direct speech in the sentence below.

Coach Carter bellowed at the basketball team, "get in line quickly!" and so they all jumped to attention.

Is he correct? Explain your answer.



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6b. Fiona has punctuated the direct speech in the sentence below.

"Are we nearly there yet?" Emma moaned impatiently in the back seat of the car.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.



R

Direct Speech

7a. Change the indirect speech in the sentence below into direct speech.

Daniel told Jacob that he could be the goalkeeper first but Jacob said that he would rather not.



A

Direct Speech

7b. Change the indirect speech in the sentences below into direct speech.

Samira asked her grandma if she would like a cup of tea. Her grandma replied that she would and asked for a biscuit too.



A

8a. Mr and Mrs Hill are decorating. Mr Hill wants to paint the walls red but Mrs Hill would prefer white.



Use direct speech to write a short conversation between Mr and Mrs Hill.



A

8b. Tom, Lewis and Becky are playing hide and seek.



Use direct speech to write a short conversation between the children.



A

9a. Hamid has punctuated the direct speech in the sentences below.

Simon called out of the window
“Don’t forget to take your coat with you.”
“I already have it,” his sister called back.

Is he correct? Explain your answer.



R

9b. Louisa has punctuated the direct speech in the sentences below.

“Shall we go to the park to feed the ducks”? asked Krystle.
“Yes, but let’s take our bikes too,” replied Kat.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.



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Developing

- 1a. Various answers, for example:
"Can I watch television?" asked Tiana.
- 2a. Various answers, for example:
"I'm really sorry," Tom said to his mum.
- 3a. Suzie is incorrect. 'Said' should not begin with a capital letter.

Expected

- 4a. Various answers, for example:
"Can I have two scones and a loaf of bread?" the old lady asked the shopkeeper.
- 5a. Mum shouted up the stairs, "You'll have to stop playing soon or the neighbours will complain."
- 6a. Dennis is incorrect. 'Get' should begin with a capital letter.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Various answers, for example:
"You can go in goal first," suggested Daniel.
"No, I don't want to go first," Jacob replied.
- 8a. Various answers, for example:
"I think we should use red paint," Mr Hill said to his wife.
"No, it would be too dark," she replied.
- 9a. Hamid is incorrect. There should be a comma after 'window'.

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Developing

- 1b. Various answers, for example:
"I am going to catch the bus," Lucas said.
- 2b. Various answers, for example:
"Can I have pizza, please?" Kirsten asked.
- 3b. Viktor is incorrect. The second set of inverted commas should be after the question mark.

Expected

- 4b. Various answers, for example:
Samuel whispered to Florence, "You're my best friend."
- 5b. Various answers, for example:
"Come on slow coach, you'll need to speed up to keep up with me," Joe boasted.
- 6b. Fiona is correct. The direct speech is within inverted commas, it begins with a capital letter and ends with a question mark as it is a question.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Various answers, for example:
"Do you want a cup of tea?" Samira asked her grandma.
"Yes please," she replied, "and a biscuit."
- 8b. Various answers, for example:
"1, 2, 3," Tom started counting.
Becky whispered, "I'm going behind this rock."
Lewis giggled, "This is fun."
- 9b. Louisa is incorrect. The second set of inverted commas surrounding the first speech should be after the question mark, not before.