

The Differences between Direct and Indirect Speech

Decide whether the following are examples of direct or indirect speech.

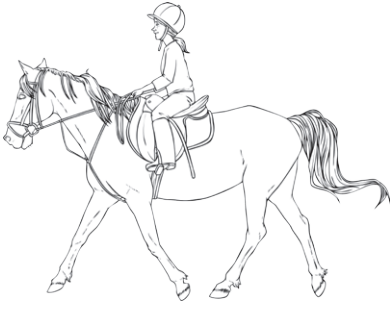
Speech	Direct or Indirect Speech?
William asked if he could have a turn on the slide.	Indirect
"It's my turn next," Shiya shouted.	Direct
Dad said that the children should stop arguing.	Indirect
Kylie mentioned that the swings were free.	Indirect
"I love the park," squealed Emir.	Direct
Mum told the children that it was time to go home.	Indirect

Add any missing punctuation to the sentences containing direct speech.

1. "I want sweets!" shouted the little girl.
2. As I was walking away, my friend called, "Don't forget your bag!"
3. "Please can you help me with my maths work?" asked Reuben quietly.

Change the direct speech in the sentences to indirect speech.

1. "We must work together!" declared Alexander.
Alexander declared that we must work together.
2. "If we are late, we might miss the show," stated my sister anxiously.
My sister anxiously stated that if we were late, we might miss the show.
3. "My mum said, "Don't worry, there is plenty of time to get there."
My mum said not to worry because there was plenty of time to get there.



Write a sentence that uses direct speech for the following picture.

Children's answers will vary. Example sentence:

"We can do this!" called the daring rider to her fearless horse.



Write a sentence that uses indirect speech for the following picture.

Children's answers will vary. Example sentence:

Joseph instructed his teammates to find a space on the court.