

The Differences between Direct and Indirect Speech

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

Speech	Direct or Indirect Speech?
Nervously, William asked if he could have a turn on the slide.	Indirect
"It's my turn next," Shiya shouted as she pushed past William.	Direct
"Stop pushing in. You always do that!" Jacob called angrily.	Direct
Dad said that the children should stop arguing and just enjoy playing together.	Indirect
Kylie mentioned that the swings were free so maybe they should go on them instead.	Indirect
"I love the park," squealed Emir as he toddled towards the swings.	Direct

Add any missing punctuation to the sentences containing direct speech.

- "I want sweets!" shouted the little girl as she ran into the shop.
Also accept a comma after "I want sweets,"
- My friend called as I was walking away from the park, "Don't forget your bag."
Also accept an exclamation mark after "Don't forget your bag!"
- "Please can you help me with my maths work?" asked Reuben quietly.
- "Will we ever get there?" whined the young child during the long car journey.

Change the indirect speech in the sentences to direct speech.

- Alexander declared that we should all work together.
"We should all work together!" declared Alexander.
- My sister anxiously stated that if we were late, we might miss the show.
"If we are late, we might miss the show," stated my sister anxiously.

3. My mum reassured her not to worry because there was plenty of time to get there.
My mum reassuringly replied, "Don't worry, there is plenty of time to get there."

Some answers may vary so accept any that are correctly punctuated.



Write one or more sentences that use 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 as they approached the towering fence.



Write one or more sentences that use indirect speech for the following picture.

Children's answers will vary. Example sentence:

Spotting that this was their chance, Joseph confidently instructed his teammates to find a space on the court.