

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 as his sister played in the sandpit.	Indirect
"It's my turn next," Shiya shouted as she pushed roughly past William.	Direct
Dad called out 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 of arguing about the slide.	Indirect
"I love the park," squealed Emir as he toddled towards the swings happily.	Direct

Add any missing punctuation to the sentences containing direct speech.

1. As the little girl ran into the shop, she was shouting "I want sweets!"
Also accept a full stop after "I want sweets."
2. "Don't forget your bag!" my friend called as I was walking away from the park.
Also accept a comma after "Don't forget your bag,"
3. "Please can you help me with my maths work?" asked Reuben quietly. "I'm finding it quite tricky."
4. "Will we ever get there?" whined the young child during the long car journey. "I'm hungry." **Also accept an exclamation mark after "I'm hungry!"**

Rewrite the sentences. Change the direct speech to indirect speech, and the indirect speech to direct speech.

1. 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.
2. 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."

3. "Can we have ice creams, mum?" pleaded Sophia as soon as she heard the ice cream van coming.

As soon as she heard the ice cream van coming, Sophia pleaded with her mum for ice creams.

4. "I will gently check Fudge's ears," the vet said when we took my poorly dog to see her.

When we took my poorly dog to the vet, she said that she would check Fudge's ears gently.

5. The head teacher commented that the children looked smart as they filed into the hall.

"You all look very smart," commented the head teacher proudly as the children filed into the hall.

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



Write a paragraph about this image, including both direct and indirect speech.

Children's answers will vary but should include direct and indirect speech.