

KS2 English Quiz - Direct Speech (Questions)

This KS2 English quiz will test you on direct speech. Direct speech is about writing dialogue. Learning to punctuate direct speech is helpful if you want to include dialogue in a story. Imagine your character with a speech bubble - which words would be inside the bubble? These are the words that go between the pair of speech marks. Don't forget the punctuation inside the speech marks, too!

Many people are not sure about the order of punctuation when using speech marks, so keep on playing this quiz until you are sure you have it right.

See if you can full marks in this quiz about direct speech.

1. Read the sentence. How should it be written as direct speech? Choose the correct option.
Sue said she would go to the shop.



- "I will go to the shop," said Sue.
- "I will go to the shop" said Sue.
- "I will go to the shop, said Sue."
- "I will go the the shop." said Sue

2. Read the sentence. How should it be written as direct speech? Choose the correct option.
Rhian asked if she could play the game.



- "Can I play the game" Rhian asked?
- "Can I play the game? Rhian asked."
- Can I play the game? Rhian asked.
- "Can I play the game?" Rhian asked.

3. Read the sentence. How should it be written as direct speech? Choose the correct option.
Tom said he would be going to the dentist after school.



- Tom said "I have to go to the dentist after school."
- Tom said, "I have to go to the dentist after school."
- "Tom said, I have to go to the dentist after school."
- Tom said "I have to go to the dentist after school"

4. Read the sentence. How should it be written as direct speech? Choose the correct option.
Selina asked us to come to her party.



- "Would you like to come to my party?" asked Selina.
- "Would you like to come to my party asked Selina?"
- "Would you like to come to my party" asked Selina?
- "Would you like to come to my party?" asked Selina

5. Read the sentence. How should it be written as direct speech? Choose the correct option.
Gareth said he couldn't believe the Blues had lost again.



- "I can't believe the Blues lost again" Gareth complained!
- "I can't believe the Blues lost again, Gareth complained."
- "I can't believe the Blues lost again!" Gareth complained.
- I can't believe the Blues lost again, "Gareth complained."

6. Read the sentence. How should it be written as direct speech? Choose the correct option.
Declan said he thought we could see the fireworks better from the top of the hill.



- Excitedly, Declan shouted "We'll be able to see the fireworks from the top of the hill!"
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7. Read the sentence. How should it be written as direct speech? Choose the correct option.
Harriet told us not to touch her clay model because it wasn't dry.



- Looking at us, Harriet warned. "Don't touch my model. It's not dry yet."
- Looking at us, Harriet warned "don't touch my model. It's not dry yet."
- Looking at us, "Harriet warned, don't touch my model. It's not dry yet."
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8. Read the sentence. How should it be written as direct speech? Choose the correct option.
Rob offered to clear up the crayons on the carpet.



- "Would you like me to tidy up?" Rob offered.
- "Would you like me to tidy up" Rob offered?
- "Would you like me to tidy up" Rob offered.
- Would you like me to tidy up, "Rob offered."

9. Read the sentence. How should it be written as direct speech? Choose the correct option.
Joshua said he had been very scared when the lights went out suddenly.



- When the lights went out, Joshua explained, "I was so scared!"
- "When the lights went out," Joshua explained, "I was so scared!"
- "When the lights went out" Joshua explained "I was so scared!"
- "When the lights went out, Joshua explained, I was so scared!"

10. Read the sentence. How should it be written as direct speech? Choose the correct option.
Sanjay said he was very disappointed that it was raining again.



- Not again, Sanjay said, "It's another day of rain."
- "Not again" Sanjay said "it's another day of rain."
- "Not again! Sanjay said." It's another day of rain.
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All of these parts are necessary: speech marks - speech - punctuation - speech marks - said Sue -- punctuation.

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All of these are necessary: Tom said - comma - speech marks - speech - punctuation - speech marks.

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Remember - put the speech marks around the words that were said.

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Don't forget the full stop at the end.

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Remember to put the speech marks only around the spoken words.

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Phrases such as 'She said', 'He shouted' or 'Harriet warned' need a comma to separate them from the opening speech marks.

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Don't forget that the beginning of the spoken sentence needs a capital letter.

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Don't forget the question mark if it's a question.

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You can separate the sentence into the words Joshua spoke and those he didn't. Then make sure to put speech marks around those he spoke.

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Reading stories with dialogue will help you remember how to write direct speech.