

Writing Direct Speech

1. Rewrite the sentences below with the correct punctuation to show direct speech.

A. I'm going to the shops said John

B. georgie cried my head hurts

C. where are you going asked Simon.

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4. Sarah has written a sentence using direct speech.

"William muttered" it was not my fault the paint spilled everywhere.

Explain her mistakes and rewrite the sentence correctly.

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2. Match the direct speech to a suitable reporting clause. Create three sentences using the correct punctuation for direct speech.

how are you

the child screamed

come quickly

a shop assistant said

you look lovely

my gran enquired

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5. Rewrite the following as direct speech.



Patrick

What time is breakfast club?

Remember to use a reporting clause.

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3. Use the word bank to write two different sentences with direct speech. Use the reporting clause in different places for each sentence.

you are my friend

exclaimed

whispered

said

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6. Complete the sentences below using direct speech. Make sure your sentences are correctly punctuated.

A. . . . my dad promised.

B. . . . the little girl chuckled.

C. Steve yawned

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1. A. "I'm going to the shops," said John.
B. Georgie cried, "My head hurts."
C. "Where are you going?" asked Simon.
2. Various answers, for example:
"How are you?" my gran enquired.
"Come quick!" the child screamed.
"You look lovely," a shop assistant said.
3. Various answers, for example:
"You are my friend," whispered Joanne.
Andy exclaimed, "You are my friend."
4. The reporting clause uses inverted commas, but these should be around the direct speech. After the reporting clause, there should be a comma and the direct speech must begin with a capital letter. The correct sentence is: William muttered, "It was not my fault the paint spilled everywhere."
5. Various answers, for example: "What time is breakfast club?" asked Patrick.
6. Various answers, for example:
A. "We will go to the seaside soon," my dad promised.
B. "That was so funny," the little girl chuckled.
C. Steve yawned, "Is it time for bed?"