

Direct and Indirect Speech

1. Underline the words that are spoken in each of the sentences below.

A. "Everybody smile!" the photographer cried excitedly.

B. "I can't wait to get to school," Jayden squealed, "it's going to be a really exciting day!"

C. Mum called, "It's time for tea!"

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4. Sort the sentences into the table below. Explain your answers.

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech

A. Todd shouted, "Where are my books, dad?"

B. Leila's friend asked what she was going to do at the weekend.

C. The librarian told the children to sit down quietly.

D. "Thank you!" chorused the teachers.

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2. Which sentence below does not contain speech?

A. Sofia told her parents that she really enjoyed the residential.

B. "My favourite story is Cinderella," explained Annie.

C. The play centre was filled with chattering children.

D. "Thanks for listening," announced the singer. "It has been a pleasure!"

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5. Natalie has written the sentence below.

The weatherman said that the good weather was here to stay.

She says,



I have included direct speech in my sentence because I have explained what the weatherman said.

Do you agree? Explain your answer.

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4. Tick the boxes to show where the direct speech starts and ends.

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friends about it. "I love playing goal



keeper for my team! It is my favourite



position," she declared.



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6. Underline the direct speech in the text below. Circle the indirect speech.

"Wake up!" shouted Salima's Mum, "You don't want to be late for school today!" At this, Salima jumped out of bed full of excitement. She grinned and told her mum that she needed to get to school as soon as possible.

In the car, Salima couldn't contain her excitement. "Come on Mum! We are going to be late!" she wailed.

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A and D	B and C

A and D are direct speech because they use a reporting clause and contain inverted commas.

B and C are indirect speech because they report the words that have been spoken in the past.

5. Natalie is incorrect because she has not included direct speech. She has written what the weatherman said using indirect speech. We know this because she has not used any inverted commas to explain exactly what the weatherman said.

6. Direct speech underlined: "Wake up!"; "You don't want to be late for school today!"; "Come on Mum! We are going to be late!"

Indirect speech circled: she needed to get to school as soon as possible.