

Direct and Indirect Speech

1. Select the sentences that are punctuated incorrectly.

- A. Alfie’s friend, Chrissy, shouted that she should be first in line.

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- B. Mrs Hodgson called, “Stop pushing and shoving! Line up sensibly”!

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- C. “It’s time for the register,” explained Mr Green. Please quieten down so I can hear everyone.”

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4. Freddy is changing the indirect speech below into direct speech.

My friend, George, asked whether I was going to the cinema this weekend.

He writes,

	My friend, George, asked, “Are
	you going to the cinema this
	weekend, Freddy?”

Is Freddy correct? Explain your answer.

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2. Rewrite the sentences below adding in the correct speech punctuation. Look carefully at the reporting clause to choose an appropriate punctuation mark.

- A. Please enter the museum quietly whispered the curator.
- B. Tidy up Brenda shouted you have made such a mess.
- C. Has anyone every read any of my books before asked the author.

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5. Rewrite the indirect speech below as direct speech using punctuation correctly.

- A. The enchantress told her assistant to go and fetch the ingredients for her potion.
- B. Jack asked his dad if he could help him fix his bike?
- C. Jim, a famous darts player, shouted that he had scored 180!

Vary the position of the reporting clause for each sentence.

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3. Rewrite the direct speech below as indirect speech.

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“Stop climbing on the furniture,” shouted mum.
“You are going to fall!”

B.

“What colour flowers have you bought?” Mrs Jones asked her husband.

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6. Look at the image below. What could the people be saying?



Write a conversation that could have happened in this image. Use direct speech and then rewrite the same conversation using indirect speech.

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2. A. "Please enter the museum quietly," whispered the curator.
B. "Tidy up!" Brenda shouted. "You have made such a mess!"
C. "Has anyone every read any of my books before?" asked the author.
3. A. Mum shouted that we should stop climbing on the furniture because we were going to fall.
B. Mrs Jones asked her husband what colour flowers he had bought.
4. Freddy is correct because he has changed the tense of the verbs and created a question. He has also used speech punctuation correctly.
5. Various answers, for example:
A. The enchantress snapped to her assistant, "Go and fetch the ingredients for my potion!"
B. "Dad?" asked Jack. "Could you help me fix my bike?"
C. "I have scored 180!" shouted Jim, a famous darts player.
6. Various answers, for example:
"Wow!" screamed Delilah. "This is amazing!"
"I can't wait to tell my brother all about this!" giggled Amelia.
"My brother will be so jealous!" laughed Joe.
Ben yelled, "I didn't think I would like this but I love it!"

Delilah screamed that the boat ride was amazing. Amelia giggled that she couldn't wait to tell her brother all about it. Joe laughed and told them that his brother would be jealous. Ben thought he wouldn't like the ride but yelled that he loved it.