12.1 Direct Speech Introducing Speech Marks: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

Market Day

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Freya's family visited the Saturday market every week, and she always looked forward to it. "Let's start at the fruit stall," said Dad, pointing towards the boxes of shiny apples and pears. Freya skipped ahead and picked up a bright red apple. "Can we get some strawberries too?" she asked, looking hopefully at the stallholder. The stallholder smiled and wrapped up a small punnet of strawberries for her. Nearby, a boy was juggling three oranges to make his little sister laugh, and she giggled every time one nearly dropped. By the time the family reached the cake stall, Freya's little brother Sam was tired and hungry. "I want to go home now," he grumbled, tugging at Dad's sleeve. Dad crouched down beside him and said, "We will buy one cake to share, and then we can go home for lunch." Sam's face brightened at once, and he chose a large iced bun without a moment's hesitation.

1 Direct speech gives the exact words a person said, inside a pair of speech marks. Reported speech describes what was said, with no speech marks. In each pair below, tick the sentence that uses direct speech.

(a) (1)

- [ ] A) "I am hungry," said Zara.
- [ ] B) Zara said she was hungry.

(b) (1)

- [ ] A) The teacher told us to sit down.
- [ ] B) "Sit down," said the teacher.

(c) (1)

- [ ] A) "Where is my bag?" asked Tom.
- [ ] B) Tom asked where his bag was.

(d) (1)

- [ ] A) Grandma said the cake was ready.
- [ ] B) "The cake is ready," said Grandma.

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2 Look again at the passage above. Copy the exact words that appear inside the speech marks for each of the following. Include any punctuation you find inside the speech marks.

(a) Dad's exact words when the family arrived at the fruit stall. **(1)**

(b) Freya's exact words to the stallholder. **(1)**

(c) Sam's exact words when he was tired. **(1)**

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3 Read each statement about direct speech punctuation. Circle True or False.

(a) The exact words spoken always go inside a pair of speech marks. **(1)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

(b) A comma is the only punctuation mark that can be used just before the closing speech marks. **(1)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

(c) In a story, a new speaker's words usually start on a new line. **(1)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

(d) You never need a capital letter at the start of direct speech. **(1)**

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

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4 The passage below has three errors in its direct speech punctuation: Sam's direct speech is missing its speech marks completely, Hana's question is missing the capital letter at its start, and Hana's speech is missing its closing speech marks. Find and correct all three errors.

Sam turned to his sister and said, we should go home now. Hana looked up and asked, "why do we have to leave already?

(3)

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Question 1

(a) A ticked cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **A) "I am hungry," said Zara.**

(b) B ticked cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **B) "Sit down," said the teacher.**

(c) A ticked cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **A) "Where is my bag?" asked Tom.**

(d) B ticked cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **B) "The cake is ready," said Grandma.**

Question 2

(a) Let's start at the fruit stall, copied exactly as printed inside the speech marks cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **Let's start at the fruit stall,**

(b) Can we get some strawberries too? copied exactly as printed inside the speech marks cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **Can we get some strawberries too?**

(c) I want to go home now, copied exactly as printed inside the speech marks cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **I want to go home now,**

Question 3

(a) True circled cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **True**

(b) False circled cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **False**

(c) True circled cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **True**

(d) False circled cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **False**

Question 4

speech marks added correctly around We should go home now. with a capital W cao **B1**

Why capitalised as the first word of Hana's question cao **B1**

closing speech marks added immediately after already? cao **B1**

Answer: **Sam turned to his sister and said, "We should go home now." Hana looked up and asked, "Why do we have to leave already?"**

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