12.1 Direct Speech Introducing Speech Marks: 30-minute Pack

about 30 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 In each pair, tick the sentence where the speech marks are placed correctly around only the exact words that were spoken.

(a) **(1)**

- [ ] A) Maya asked "if she could go outside."
- [ ] B) Maya asked, "Can I go outside?"

(b) **(1)**

- [ ] A) "The bus is late," announced the driver.
- [ ] B) The bus is late, announced the driver."

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2 The sentence below is missing its speech marks and has two more errors. Find and correct all three: the comma and speech marks needed before and around the coach's exact words, the capital letter needed to start the speech, and the exclamation mark needed before the closing speech mark.

The coach shouted well done team, we have won the match.

(3)

3 Each sentence below has a different punctuation error in its direct speech. Find each error and write the sentence out correctly.

(a) "Leah shouted, Hurry up." **(1)**

(b) Grandma said "Sit down and rest." **(1)**

(c) "Are you feeling better." asked the nurse. **(1)**

4 Turn each sentence below from reported speech into direct speech. Use speech marks and choose sensible exact words that match the meaning of the reported sentence.

(a) Reported speech: Mum told Tom to tidy his room. **(2)**

(b) Reported speech: The coach asked the players if they were ready. **(2)**

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5 Write a short conversation between two characters of your choice, with at least three sentences of direct speech in total. Punctuate every piece of direct speech correctly, and start a new line each time a new character begins speaking.

(6)

6 Punctuate each sentence below correctly for direct speech. You will need to add speech marks, a capital letter and the correct end punctuation. Look carefully at where the reporting clause comes in each sentence.

(a) Grandad said mind the step. **(2)**

(b) can I stroke your dog asked the little girl **(2)**

7 Each sentence below has one punctuation error in its direct speech. Find the error and write the sentence correctly.

(a) "Please be quiet, said the librarian. **(1)**

(b) Jack shouted, "look out below!" **(1)**

(c) "The party starts at four o'clock". **(1)**

(d) The vet said "Hold him steady." **(1)**

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8 Write your own direct speech to complete each sentence below. Remember to include speech marks, a capital letter and the correct end punctuation.

(a) The teacher smiled and said, ___ **(2)**

(b) ___, said the pilot. **(2)**

9 Write one sentence of direct speech for each situation below. Punctuate the speech correctly, using your own words.

(a) A firefighter warning people to stay back from a fire. **(2)**

(b) A friend asking to borrow a pencil. **(2)**

(c) A grandparent telling a child to be careful crossing the road. **(2)**

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10 Add the missing speech marks around the words that are actually spoken in each sentence below.

(a) Well done, said Mr Khan. **(1)**

(b) Aisha whispered, I can hear a noise. **(1)**

(c) Where does this bus go? asked the old man. **(1)**

(d) Watch out! shouted the lifeguard. **(1)**

11 Choose the correct punctuation mark (a full stop, a question mark or an exclamation mark) to complete each sentence, and write it in the correct place, inside the speech marks.

(a) "What time does the film start" asked Ollie. **(1)**

(b) "Get down from there right now" yelled Dad. **(1)**

(c) Miss Patel said, "The museum opens at nine o'clock" **(1)**

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Question 1

(a) B ticked cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **B) Maya asked, "Can I go outside?"**

(b) A ticked cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **A) "The bus is late," announced the driver.**

Question 2

comma inserted after shouted and speech marks correctly placed immediately before Well and immediately after match cao **B1**

Well capitalised as the first word of the direct speech cao **B1**

exclamation mark used before the closing speech marks, not a full stop cao **B1**

Answer: **The coach shouted, "Well done team, we have won the match!"**

Question 3

(a) opening speech mark moved to immediately before Hurry, so the speech marks enclose only the exact words spoken cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **Leah shouted, "Hurry up."**

(b) comma inserted after said, before the opening speech marks cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **Grandma said, "Sit down and rest."**

(c) question mark used inside the closing speech marks instead of a full stop cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **"Are you feeling better?" asked the nurse.**

Question 4

(a) speech marks, a capital letter and the correct end punctuation used correctly (oe) **B1**

(a) the meaning of the original reported sentence is kept, an instruction to tidy the room (oe) **B1**

(a) Answer: **Example: Mum said, "Tidy your room, Tom."**

(b) speech marks, a capital letter and the correct end punctuation used correctly (oe) **B1**

(b) the meaning of the original reported sentence is kept, a question asking if the players are ready (oe) **B1**

(b) Answer: **Example: "Are you ready?" asked the coach.**

Question 5

speech marks used correctly around all the exact spoken words throughout (ft consistent minor slips) **B1**

capital letters used correctly at the start of each piece of direct speech **B1**

correct end punctuation (a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark) used inside the closing speech marks throughout **B1**

commas used correctly to separate reporting clauses from the direct speech **B1**

a new line used each time a new character begins speaking **B1**

the conversation makes clear sense and reads as a believable exchange between two characters (oe) **B1**

Answer:Example:
"Where did you leave your football boots?" asked Mia.
"I think I left them by the back door," replied Sam.
"We need to hurry, or we will be late for training," said Mia.

Question 6

(a) comma and opening speech mark placed immediately before Mind cao **B1**

(a) capital letter M and full stop placed correctly inside the closing speech marks cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **Grandad said, "Mind the step."**

(b) opening speech mark and capital letter C placed at the very start of the sentence cao **B1**

(b) question mark placed inside the closing speech marks, immediately before asked cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **"Can I stroke your dog?" asked the little girl.**

Question 7

(a) closing speech marks added immediately after the comma following quiet cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **"Please be quiet," said the librarian.**

(b) Look capitalised as the first word of the direct speech cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **Jack shouted, "Look out below!"**

(c) full stop moved inside the closing speech marks cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **"The party starts at four o'clock."**

(d) comma inserted after said, before the opening speech marks cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **The vet said, "Hold him steady."**

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Question 8

(a) speech marks, a capital letter and the correct end punctuation used correctly around the pupil's own words (oe) **B1**

(a) content is a sensible thing a teacher might say to praise a class (oe) **B1**

(a) Answer: **Example: The teacher smiled and said, "Well done, everyone worked so hard today."**

(b) speech marks, a capital letter and the correct end punctuation used correctly around the pupil's own words (oe) **B1**

(b) content is a sensible announcement a pilot might make to passengers (oe) **B1**

(b) Answer: **Example: "Please fasten your seatbelts, we are about to land," said the pilot.**

Question 9

(a) speech marks, a capital letter and the correct end punctuation used correctly (oe) **B1**

(a) content is a sensible warning to stay back from a fire (oe) **B1**

(a) Answer: **Example: "Stay back from the fire!" shouted the firefighter.**

(b) speech marks, a capital letter and the correct end punctuation used correctly (oe) **B1**

(b) content is a sensible request to borrow a pencil (oe) **B1**

(b) Answer: **Example: "Can I borrow a pencil, please?" asked Oliver.**

(c) speech marks, a capital letter and the correct end punctuation used correctly (oe) **B1**

(c) content is sensible advice about being careful crossing the road (oe) **B1**

(c) Answer: **Example: "Hold my hand and look both ways," said Grandma.**

Question 10

(a) speech marks placed immediately before Well and immediately after the comma following done cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **"Well done," said Mr Khan.**

(b) speech marks placed immediately before I and immediately after the full stop following noise cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **Aisha whispered, "I can hear a noise."**

(c) speech marks placed immediately before Where and immediately after the question mark cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **"Where does this bus go?" asked the old man.**

(d) speech marks placed immediately before Watch and immediately after the exclamation mark cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **"Watch out!" shouted the lifeguard.**

Question 11

(a) question mark inserted inside the closing speech marks, immediately after start cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **"What time does the film start?" asked Ollie.**

(b) exclamation mark inserted inside the closing speech marks, immediately after now cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **"Get down from there right now!" yelled Dad.**

(c) full stop inserted inside the closing speech marks, immediately after o'clock cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **Miss Patel said, "The museum opens at nine o'clock."**

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