

Direct Speech

Direct speech uses inverted commas ' ' to show when someone begins or ends their speech. Inverted commas can be single ' ' or double " ".

'Where are you going?' asked the teacher.

The girl whined, 'I'm tired!'

'Is that a new car?' enquired Jamal's friend

Part A

Punctuate the direct speech in the sentences below using inverted commas. Remember the punctuation mark goes inside the inverted commas. Be careful as sometimes the speech comes at the end of the sentence!

1. I'm not feeling very well moaned the child.
2. Can we still go out to play if it's raining? asked the class.
3. I got a new bike for my birthday said the girl proudly.
4. The man asked, can I borrow your ladder please?
5. Let's play hide and seek suggested the boy.
6. Mum shouted, have you finished your homework?
7. That's not fair! exclaimed Lucy to her friend.
8. Stanley asked can I have a new skateboard for my birthday?

Write three sentences of your own using perfect direct speech punctuation.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Part B

Write a short conversation of your own between Charlie and Grandpa Joe when Charlie found the golden ticket. Punctuate the direct speech using inverted commas correctly.

★ Challenge Task ★

Can you write what you think Willy Wonka will say to the children when he meets them? What will the children ask him? Punctuate the direct speech using inverted commas correctly.

Direct Speech Answers

Part A

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'Let's play hide and seek,' suggested the boy.

Mum shouted, 'Have you finished your homework?'

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Part B

Example answer:

'Grandpa! Grandpa! Look!' demanded Charlie.

'What, Charlie? What's wrong?' he replied.

'Grandpa, I can see some gold!'

'Gold? Are you sure? It's unlikely love. Let me check...' pleaded Grandpa.

Challenge Task

Example answer:

'Welcome children! Pleased to meet you. You are the lucky people who found our wonderful golden tickets. Please listen carefully as I show you around this magnificent factory of wonders and secrets. Follow me!' declared Wonka.

'Mr Wonka, Mr Wonka,' requested Charlie.

'Yeeeeesssssss?' explained Wonka, peering into the boy's eyes.

'Mr Wonka, I'm pleased to meet you,' muttered Charlie, as he offered the great man his hand.