

Direct Speech

Task 1

Print a copy of the **Speech Sentence Cards** for each child in the group.

Tell children that direct speech is only the words that are said.

Model saying the words “Lily asked, Would you like to come to tea?”. Point out that the speaker wouldn’t say the words “Lily asked”.

Then, get children to circle only the words that are actually said on all the cards.

Task 2

Explain that we put inverted commas around the words that are spoken – i.e. the words that the children have circled. Any punctuation marks straight after these words also go inside the inverted commas.

Children should then use the circled **Speech Sentence Cards** that they have completed to add inverted commas to the sentences on the worksheet.

Remind the children that the reporting clause (the bit that tells us who said it and how) can come before or after the speech.

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This bread is stale, said the customer.

Is this the way to the park? asked the man.

Get out of the way! shouted the firefighter.

I am the best runner in my school, boasted Andy.

I've lost my necklace! cried the little girl.

What are you doing? asked the teacher.

Amrit exclaimed, Look at that lovely sunset!

My leg is so sore, moaned the old man.

This book is hilarious! chuckled Cody.

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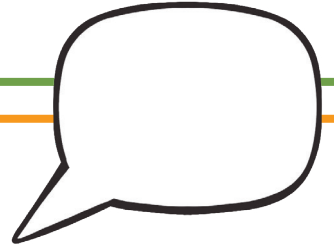


Add inverted commas to the following sentences:

1. Lily asked, Would you like to come for tea?
2. This bread is stale, said the customer.
3. Is this the way to the park? asked the man.
4. Get out of the way! shouted the firefighter.
5. I am the best runner in my school, boasted Andy.
6. I've lost my necklace! cried the little girl.
7. What are you doing? asked the teacher.
8. Amrit exclaimed, Look at that lovely sunset!
9. My leg is so sore, moaned the old man.
10. This book is hilarious! chuckled Cody.

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Answers



Add inverted commas to the following sentences:

1. Lily asked, "Would you like to come for tea?"
2. "This bread is stale," said the customer.
3. "Is this the way to the park?" asked the man.
4. "Get out of the way!" shouted the firefighter.
5. "I am the best runner in my school," boasted Andy.
6. "I've lost my necklace!" cried the little girl.
7. "What are you doing?" asked the teacher.
8. Amrit exclaimed, "Look at that lovely sunset!"
9. "My leg is so sore," moaned the old man.
10. "This book is hilarious!" chuckled Cody.