

Homework/Extension

Step 2: Punctuating Direct Speech

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (4G5.7) [Using and punctuating direct speech](#)

English Year 4: (4G5.7) [Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech \[for example, a comma after the reporting clause; end punctuation within inverted commas: The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"\]](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Select the sentence that uses the correct punctuation for the speech given. No use of exclamation marks to close the sentences.

Expected Select the sentence that uses the correct punctuation for the speech given. Some punctuation may be incorrect in the reporting clause and the wrong kind of punctuation for the manner or content of speech may be used.

Greater Depth Select the sentence that uses the correct punctuation for the speech given. Some punctuation may be incorrect in the reporting clause and the wrong kind of punctuation for the manner or content of speech may be used. Multiple pieces of direct speech can be featured in a question.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Identify the odd one out using direct speech in sentences. No use of exclamation marks to close the sentences.

Expected Identify the odd one out using direct speech in sentences. Some punctuation may be incorrect in the reporting clause and the wrong kind of punctuation for the manner or content of speech may be used.

Greater Depth Identify the odd one out using direct speech in sentences. Some punctuation may be incorrect in the reporting clause and the wrong kind of punctuation for the manner or content of speech may be used. Multiple pieces of direct speech can be featured in a question.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application and Reasoning)

Developing Correct the punctuation errors in the speech and explain why. No use of exclamation marks to close the sentences.

Expected Correct the punctuation errors in the speech and explain why. Some punctuation may be incorrect in the reporting clause and the wrong kind of punctuation for the manner or content of speech may be used.

Greater Depth Correct the punctuation errors in the speech and explain why. Some punctuation may be incorrect in the reporting clause and the wrong kind of punctuation for the manner or content of speech may be used. Multiple pieces of direct speech can be featured in a question.

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1. Identify the sentence which has correctly punctuated Jen's speech.

Jen



Please can we play tag?

A. "please can we play tag? Asked" jen.

B. "Please can we play tag? asked Jen"

C. "Please can we play tag?" asked Jen.



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2. Identify the odd one out in the sentences below.

		✓
A.	Mum asked "What would you like for tea tonight?"	
B.	"Please can we have pizza for tea?" asked Brittany.	
C.	"I don't think that is the best idea," suggested Sachveer.	
D.	The children said, "He's behind you."	



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3. Correct the errors in the sentence below.

"Mum suggested, wear a coat and scarf today please"

Explain your answer.



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4. Identify the sentence which has correctly punctuated Ellie's speech.

Ellie



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nightmare

- A. "honestly Chidi, it was an absolute nightmare!" exclaimed Ellie.
- B. "Honestly Chidi, it was an absolute nightmare!" exclaimed Ellie.
- C. "Honestly Chidi, it was an absolute nightmare?" exclaimed Ellie.



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5. Identify the odd one out in the sentences below.

		✓
A.	The policeman shouted loudly at the criminal, "Stop right there!"	
B.	The little girl whispered shyly, "How can I become an explorer like you?"	
C.	"When would you like to get together to do the project work?" asked Tahani.	
D.	"Can you help me with my homework please, Simone?" asked Shawn pleadingly.	



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6. Correct the errors in the sentence below.

one sunny day, Mindy rushed into the kitchen and cried "can we go to the park today Daddy? Pretty please?

Explain your answer.



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7. Identify the sentence which has correctly punctuated Rani’s speech.

Rani



That was really kind of you. Thank you very much.

- A. “That was really kind of you,” shouted Rani, “Thank you very much”
- B. “That was really kind of you” gushed Rani “Thank you very much”.
- C. “That was really kind of you,” gushed Rani, “Thank you very much!”



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8. Identify the odd one out in the sentences below.

		✓
A.	“This has been lovely,” voiced the Queen. “I always enjoy a spot of tea!”	
B.	“Where have you been?” demanded her mum. “Your dinner is getting cold!”	
C.	“Look at this mess!” cried his dad. “I hope you are not expecting me to clear this up!”	
D.	“Can you help me please? asked Dana I just can’t get this bit quite right!”	



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9. Correct the errors in the sentence below.

lucy whispered shyly, I really liked that! She continued to whisper “I wonder if I could ever do that?

Explain your answer.



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Developing

1. **C**
2. **A**
3. Mum suggested, "Wear a coat and scarf today please."

The inverted commas should only be around what is said, so the opening inverted commas should be in front of 'wear'. 'Wear' is the beginning of speech so it needs a capital letter and punctuation is needed before the closing inverted commas.

Expected

4. **B**
5. **C**
6. One sunny day, Mindy rushed into the kitchen and cried, "Can we go to the park today Daddy? Pretty please?"

A capital letter is needed at the beginning of the sentence and at the start of the speech. There should be a comma before the speech and inverted commas to complete the speech.

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7. **C**
8. **D**
9. Lucy whispered shyly, "I really liked that." She continued to whisper, "I wonder if I could ever do that?"

Lucy is a name and at the start of the sentence, so needs a capital letter. Inverted commas are needed before 'I' and after 'that' because those words are being spoken. There should not be an exclamation mark because she is whispering. After 'whisper', there should be a comma to introduce the speech. Inverted commas need to close the speech after the question mark.