

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G5.7) Introduction to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech

Terminology For Pupils:

- (3G5.7) direct speech
- (3G5.7) inverted commas (or 'speech marks')

Step 2: Punctuating Direct Speech

Introduction

Underline the words being spoken in the sentence below.

“Is the football match cancelled tonight?” asked the star striker.

Varied Fluency 1

What punctuation is missing from the sentence below?

Can you pass me the salt " asked Steph

↑
A

↑
B

↑
C

Varied Fluency 2

True or false? Inverted commas have been used correctly in the sentence below.

Can we watch a film tonight? “asked Ben.”

Varied Fluency 3

Tick the sentences which are punctuated correctly.

A. "Stop right there!" shouted the Police officer.

B. "Are you going to the fair today? asked Lucy"

C. "We should arrive before the film starts," suggested Steph.

Varied Fluency 4

Add the missing punctuation to the sentence below.

Please can you show me where platform ten is
asked the man politely

Application 1

Rewrite the sentence below as direct speech. Remember to punctuate correctly.



Hafsa

**shall we go for lunch after we
have been to the park**

Application 2

Write a reply to Lachlan using direct speech. Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

“What’s on the menu for lunch today?” Lachlan asked.

Reasoning 1

Steph is writing sentences using direct speech. She has not punctuated her sentence correctly.

“How can I help you today? asked the shop assistant.”

Explain her mistake.

Rewrite the sentence using the correct punctuation.

Answers



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A – inverted comma

B – question mark

C – full stop

Varied Fluency 2

True or false? Inverted commas have been used correctly in the sentence below.

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False. “Can we watch a film tonight?” asked Ben.

Varied Fluency 3

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asked the man politely**

**“Please can you show me where platform ten is?” asked the man
politely.**

Application 1

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Hafsa

shall we go for lunch after we have been to the park

Hafsa asked, “Shall we go for lunch after we have been to the park?”

Accept suitable synonyms for ‘asked’ and sentences which include the speaker at the end of the sentence.

Application 2

Write a reply to Lachlan using direct speech. Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

“What’s on the menu for lunch today?” Lachlan asked.

Various possible answers; including:

“You can have a sandwich, chicken pie or a really tasty curry,” Mrs Smith replied.

Reasoning 1

Steph is writing sentences using direct speech. She has not punctuated her sentence correctly.

“How can I help you today? asked the shop assistant.”

Explain her mistake.

Rewrite the sentence using the correct punctuation.

Steph has used inverted commas around the whole sentence instead of what is being spoken.

“How can I help you today?” asked the shop assistant.