

Application and Reasoning

Step 1: Recognising Direct Speech

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 \(or 'speech marks'\)](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Fill the gap in the sentence with an example of direct speech that makes sense. Direct speech always has a reporting clause following it.

Expected Fill the gaps in the sentences with examples of direct speech that make sense. Direct speech has a reporting clause at its start, middle or end, or is standalone writing.

Greater Depth Fill the gaps in the sentences with examples of direct speech that make sense. Direct speech has a reporting clause at its start, middle or end, or is standalone writing. Questions feature more than one speaker.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain if direct speech has been written correctly within two sentences. Direct speech always has a reporting clause following it.

Expected Explain if direct speech has been written correctly within a short passage. Direct speech has a reporting clause at its start, middle or end, or is standalone writing.

Greater Depth Explain if direct speech has been written correctly within a short passage. Direct speech has a reporting clause at its start, middle or end, or is standalone writing. Questions feature more than one speaker.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Identify the direct speech within two sentences and explain how it was identified. Direct speech always has a reporting clause following it.

Expected Identify the direct speech within a short passage and explain how it was identified. Direct speech has a reporting clause at its start, middle or end, or is standalone writing.

Greater Depth Identify the direct speech within a short passage and explain how it was identified. Direct speech has a reporting clause at its start, middle or end, or is standalone writing. Questions feature more than one speaker.

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Recognising Direct Speech

1a. Use the words in one of the boxes to complete the direct speech below.

“_____” cried Dani,
looking at the sky.

I can see an owl!

I like your shoes,



A

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1b. Use the words in one of the boxes to complete the direct speech below.

“_____” whispered
Raya to Oliver.

Raya, can you hear me?

Olly, can you hear me?



A

2a. Russ thinks he has written direct speech correctly in his story.

The wizard landed on the roof.
“This isn’t my bed!” he moaned.

Is Russ correct? Explain your answer.



R

2b. Luna thinks she has written direct speech correctly in her recount.

On Friday we played in the woods.
We can make a house out of
branches, “I said.”

Is Luna correct? Explain your answer.



R

3a. Which words are being spoken in the passage below? Explain how you know.

“Everybody can come!” gasped
Rachel. Mum nodded her head and
gave her a smile.



R

3b. Which words are being spoken in the passage below? Explain how you know.

“Why do you hate water?” asked
Ryan. Rupert just looked up at him
and purred.



R

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4a. Use the words in two of the boxes to complete the direct speech below.

The bus zoomed wildly down the hill.

“ _____ ”squealed the driver, “ _____ ”

but now we're going too fast!

I avoided that dog,

Tickets are 50p each.



A

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4b. Use the words in two of the boxes to complete the direct speech below.

“ _____ ”

Everyone obeyed, apart from Slick Jim, who kept his hands by his sides.

“ _____ ”he snarled.

You picked the wrong bank,

The robbers stared at him.

This is a robbery! Hands up!



A

5a. Nadia thinks she has written direct speech correctly in her story.

“I'm the greatest ruler this city has ever had!” bellowed Queen Cordelia. Her poor maid had to duck as a hairbrush flew overhead. “They think they can overthrow me? Me?”

Is Nadia correct? Explain your answer.



R

5b. Dwight thinks he has written direct speech correctly in his recount.

“Are you okay?” Donovan asked. My vision was quite blurry and I heard someone saying I had crashed. It must have been a big jump! Donovan told me it was the furthest he's seen anyone fly!

Is Dwight correct? Explain your answer.



R

6a. Which words are being spoken in the passage below? Explain how you know.

“This lawn mower will change your life! Never get hay fever again!” The advert blared on, but Harry was not listening. He was still worrying about what Luka had said.



R

6b. Which words are being spoken in the passage below? Explain how you know.

The plane shuddered and bounced, but we had landed! “Welcome to Tahiti,” beamed the stewardess. “That got a bit bumpy, but you're safely down now!”



R

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7a. Use the words in two of the boxes to complete the direct speech below.

Hank turned to Dan and growled,

“ _____ ”

“ _____ ” Dan pleaded,
glancing nervously over the crates.

What an exciting trip,

Please Hank! I'm too scared!

Hector's back is turned, Dan.



A

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7b. Use the words in all of the boxes to complete the direct speech below.

The piercing screams of the argument
echoed around the building.

“ _____ ”

“ _____ ”

“ _____ ”

How am I? I never took it!

Vi, Cassie saw you take it!

You're nothing but a thief, Vi!



A

8a. Theo thinks he has written direct speech correctly in his recount.

It was bitterly cold and Dad made us shovel the snow off the driveway. “It'll be good for you both to work together,” he grinned. “But Dad, Cory whined (he *always* whines), he's so annoying!”

Is Theo correct? Explain your answer.



R

8b. Kitty thinks she has written direct speech correctly in her story.

“We are heading to extra time!” “No!” howled Ty, burying his face in his hands. “How did he make that shot? He can't make that shot!” The commentator “continued, That's a once in a lifetime shot!”

Is Kitty correct? Explain your answer.



R

9a. Which words are being spoken in the passage below? Explain how you know.

“Please take your calculators out. The exam starts in three minutes.” Karl was sweating. All that time to practise and he had frittered it away. Dean leaned over and whispered, “Good luck, Karl.” “You too, Dean.” He would need more than luck. He would need a miracle.



R

9b. Which words are being spoken in the passage below? Explain how you know.

“The fact of the matter is,” droned Mr Scully, his voice slow and steady, “the moon travels around the earth.” “I wish I could travel to the moon,” sneered Rory. “I'd be back before Mr Scully finishes talking!” “Don't be so mean! I think it's interesting,” frowned Grace.



R

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Developing

- 1a. 'I can see an owl!'
2a. Yes, he is correct. Various answers, for example: Russ has put the direct speech inside pairs of inverted commas.
3a. The words 'Everybody can come' are being spoken. Various answers, for example: those words are followed by a reporting clause.

Expected

- 4a. 'I avoided that dog,' and 'but now we're going too fast!' must be used in that order.
5a. No, she is incorrect. Nadia has failed to put a pair of inverted commas at the end of the last sentence.
6a. The words 'This lawn mower will change your life! Never get hay fever again' are being spoken. Various answers, for example: those words are inside pairs of inverted commas.

Greater Depth

- 7a. 'Hector's back is turned, Dan' and 'Please Hank! I'm too scared!' must be used in that order.
8a. No, he is incorrect. Various answers, for example: Theo has missed pairs of inverted commas after 'But Dad' and before 'he's so annoying'.
9a. The words 'Please take your calculators out. The exam starts in three minutes', 'Good luck, Karl' and 'You too, Dean' are being spoken. Various answers, for example: those words are inside pairs of inverted commas.

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Developing

- 1b. 'Olly, can you hear me?'
2b. No, she is incorrect. Various answers, for example: Luna has placed the inverted commas around her reporting clause, not the direct speech.
3b. The words 'Why do you hate water' are being spoken. Various answers, for example: those words are inside pairs of inverted commas.

Expected

- 4b. 'This is a robbery! Hands up!' and 'You picked the wrong bank,' must be used in that order.
5b. Yes, he is correct. Various answers, for example: Dwight has put the direct speech inside pairs of inverted commas and has left the indirect speech.
6b. The words 'Welcome to Tahiti' and 'That got a bit bumpy, but you're safely down now' are being spoken. Various answers, for example: those words are split by a reporting clause.

Greater Depth

- 7b. 'You're nothing but a thief, Vi!', 'How am I? I never took it!' and 'Vi, Cassie saw you take it'" must be used in that order.
8b. No, she is incorrect. Various answers, for example: Kitty has placed a pair of inverted commas before 'continued', when they should be before 'That's'.
9b. The words 'The fact of the matter is', 'the moon travels around the earth', 'I wish I could travel to the moon', 'I'd be back before Mr Scully finishes talking' and 'Don't be so mean! I think it's interesting' are being spoken. Various answers, for example: those words are inside pairs of inverted commas.