

Direct speech

The fish asked, 'Is this your ring, little girl?'

'No, that's the prince's ring,' answered the little girl.

The fish said, 'You're honest! Let me give you a present.'

Direct speech is the same words someone said. We use quotation marks to show direct speech.

'I'm tired,' said Meg.

Use a comma, not a full stop here.

Meg said, 'I'm tired.'

Use a comma here.

Use a full stop here.

Practice

What did they say? Write sentences using direct speech. Write the correct punctuation in the boxes.

1

Let's go over there.



No problem.

Sam said ' _____ ' ,
' _____ ' replied Gigi.

2

This is Uncle Tim.

Angie



Lucy

I like his hat.

_____ said Lucy.
Angie said _____

3

I like playing with you.

Me too!



Tony

Tony said _____ .
 _____ answered Sue.

Date: _____

Indirect speech

Prince : Where are you going?
 Cinderella: The fairy **told me to** go home before twelve o'clock.
 Prince : Why are you running?
 Cinderella: She **told me not to** be late!



When we use **indirect speech**, we tell what someone said but we don't use the same words. There are no quotation marks.

Dad said to me, 'Turn off the TV.'
 Dad **told me to** turn off the TV.

Mum said to Fay, 'Don't cry.'
 Mum **told Fay not to** cry.

Practice

Rewrite the sentences using indirect speech. Follow the example.

1 Mum said to Kelvin, 'Tidy your room.'

Mum told Kelvin to tidy his room.

2 The security guard said to the woman, 'Don't take photos.'

3 Grandpa said to me, 'Don't touch my plants.'

4 The girls said to their brothers, 'Hurry up!'

5 Miss Clark said to the boys, 'Listen to me.'

6 The dentist said to the children, 'Brush your teeth twice a day.'

