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Direct and Reported Speech Worksheet

Direct speech tells us the exact words which people say.

Example: *He said, "I like ghost stories."*

Reported speech reports what people said.

Example: *He said that he liked ghost stories.*

Write the following sentences using direct speech. Be sure to punctuate it correctly. Use the notes below to help you.

- The words people say go inside speech marks.
- The speaker's first word begins with a capital letter.
- Punctuation marks go inside the speech marks.
- When the spoken words come first, put a comma after the last word spoken but inside the speech marks.
- When the spoken words come last put a comma before the first speech marks.

1. The teacher asked me why I was so late.
2. Mother told me to be more careful.
3. She asked me if I had gone to school the day before.
4. He said that he had seen me in the park the previous night.
5. The manager told Mary not to use the phone for personal calls.

Write the following sentences using reported speech.

1. "I am hungry," he said.
2. Mrs. Emma told Lisa, "You did an excellent job with your homework."
3. "It was sunny and hot," said Lu.
4. "Can someone phone my sister?" she asked.
5. "We danced all night long," said John.