

Rewrite each of the follow
by using direct speech.

Worksheet 1

LET'S FOCUS ON DIRECT SPEECH

EXAMPLE

She said that she had been teaching English for seven years.

She said, "I have been teaching English for seven years."

1. He said that he was going to the cinema.

2. While eating, I wondered if I would ever see Ray again.

3. Tanya said that her brother is living in Iceland.

4. Sam wondered if they had arrived on time.

5. Luckily, she was sitting down when he told her that they had won the lottery.

6. John asked me whether I would marry him the following year.

7. She screamed that I should get a life.

8. This morning he announced that he was going to the Olympics.

9. Matthew ran through the corridor declaring that he had passed the exam.

10. Benedict told Paolo to stop asking so many questions.

11. I told Joan that I would never eat mushrooms and she said that she thought I should at least try them.

12. Elizabeth asked us what we had been doing all day and we told her that we had been sleeping.

For each of the following, circle the errors, then rewrite the sentences, making the corrections.

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EXAMPLE

My mother asked me "Will you be home for dinner?"

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1. "I really hate tomatoes", Tom declared to his family.

2. Clarence asked me "would you like to study together?"

3. David said that, "There is a great band playing at the club tonight."

4. "Would you like some help" the shop assistant asked me.

5. I'll have the curry she said before adding "But not too spicy please."

6. The doctor said that "I will send you the results as soon as I get them"

7. "You don't even like pizza" she exclaimed when I asked her for a slice.

8. "I am cold," Tom said. Then he added, please get me a coat.

9. That is a really magnificent horse, she thought while standing in the stables.

10. When I saw her, I thought that she was not looking well but I said "Wow, you look lovely!"

11. "Don't belittle me like that", Jim said to his brother.

12. Bethany looked around and declared "I don't like it in here" Then she left the room.

13. "please leave the room" I asked them.

Rewrite each of the follow
by using indirect speech.

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LET'S FOCUS ON INDIRECT SPEECH

EXAMPLE

"Have you got a computer?" the teacher asked me.

The teacher asked me if I had a computer.

1. "Next week's lesson is on indirect speech," she said.

2. Bill looked at Mary and shouted, "I will never lend you money!"

3. She said, "I got the message while I was waiting at the bus stop."

4. Tina's mother said, "Go and do your homework," and then added, "and do it properly."

5. "When did you come to this school?" asked the teacher.

6. My mother exclaimed, "We must go skiing in winter!"

7. "Today," said Tom, "was the best day of my life."

8. Mr. Smith considered me carefully and then said, "I think I might expel you."

9. She stares blankly at the window and says, "I think it might rain today."

10. Laura asked me, "Are you going to the theatre today?"
"No, I can't make it."

11. While swinging the bat, the boy asked, "Will I have to do this all day?"
To which his father replied, "Only if you cannot get it right!"

12. "I don't like poppies," I declare as he hands me the droopy flowers.

Read the following dialogue extracts, & then fill in the blanks of the indirect speech paragraphs.

LET'S FOCUS ON INDIRECT SPEECH

EXAMPLE

NANCY : Why don't you go and have a rest?
JIM : [with anger] Stop telling me what to do!
NANCY : There is no need to shout.

Nancy suggested that Jim go and rest. Angrily, Jim said that she should stop telling him what to do. Nancy replied, saying that he needn't shout.

ONE

TIM : [smiling excitedly] I passed my driving exam. Isn't that great?
RAJ : Yes. Can I get a lift to school now?

With an _____ smile, Tim declared _____ he had passed his driving exam. Raj agreed that this was _____ news and then _____ Tim could now drive him to school.

TWO

DOCTOR : [sitting down at his desk] How are you feeling?
PATIENT : Much better, thank you. Although, I am still very tired.

Sitting down at his desk, _____ asked _____ how _____ feeling. The patient said that _____, although he then added _____ was still very tired.

THREE

TEACHER : Why didn't you do your homework Juan.
JUAN : [quietly] I didn't understand it.
TEACHER : [compassionately] So why didn't you say something?

The teacher asked Juan why he hadn't _____ his homework. _____, Juan said that he _____ understood it. To which the teacher compassionately asked him why he _____

FOUR

SAM : [kicking a stone] I am bored!
SAM'S FATHER : Don't say that; you have plenty you could be doing.

While kicking a stone, Sam exclaimed that _____ was bored. His father told _____ not to say _____. Then he added that there _____ plenty that Sam _____ be doing.

FIVE

HUSBAND : Do we have any orange juice?
WIFE : Yes. But it is almost finished.
HUSBAND : Shall I get some more on my way home from work?

Tom enquired whether _____. His _____ replied that they _____ but that _____. So _____ asked _____ he _____ get some more on _____ way home from work.

SIX

POPPY : Why do you look so scared?
RALPH : Because it's so dark and we are lost!
JACK : [laughing] Stop being such a baby, it's -
POPPY : Don't be nasty Jack.

_____ asked _____ why he _____. Ralph said _____ it was _____ it was so dark and because _____. At which point Jack started _____ and _____ Ralph to stop _____ such a baby. However, _____ was _____ by Poppy who told _____ not to be so nasty.