

Y4 Direct Speech

KS2 Y4 English · Follows the national curriculum

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1. Worked example

Punctuate: I love this song said Kemi

Step 1 · Find the spoken words

I love this song

Step 2 · Speech first, it's a statement: comma inside

"I love this song,"

Step 3 · Add the reporting clause and a full stop

"I love this song," said Kemi.

Answer: "I love this song," said Kemi.

Check: The sentence ends after Kemi, so that's where the full stop goes.

2. Now try one with the steps

Punctuate: The conductor shouted sit down

Step 1 · Reporting clause first, then a comma

Step 2 · Open inverted commas; capital letter for the speech

Step 3 · It's a command shouted loudly: ! inside, then close

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What is a reporting clause?

2. Does the end punctuation of the spoken words go inside or outside the inverted commas?

3. Punctuate: It is my birthday said Isla

4. Punctuate: Can we go to the park asked Oscar

5. Punctuate: Watch out yelled Femi

6. Punctuate: Dad said dinner is ready

7. Punctuate: The teacher asked who has finished

8. What should you do when a different character starts speaking?

9. Correct this: "I can't find my shoe." said Rosie.

10. Correct this: Mr Ahmed said "line up quietly."

11. Correct this: "Where is the cat?" Asked Lola.

12. Rewrite the speech so it comes first: Hassan whispered, "The baby is asleep."

13. Write two lines of conversation between a dragon and a knight, laid out correctly.

14. Punctuate: I'll be home soon said Mum don't forget to feed the fish

4. Before you hand it in

"I am tired." said Mo.

"I am tired," said Mo.

Gran said “It’s snowing.”

Gran said, “It’s snowing.”

“Help!” Shouted Ben.

“Help!” shouted Ben.

Writing a whole conversation paragraph.

Start a new line every time the speaker changes.