

Activity:

The aim of this activity is for children to punctuate direct speech. There are three questions to complete. The first two questions allow children to practise the skill, while the third question extends them as they have to apply their learning to get the answer.

Vocabulary:

Inverted commas are punctuation marks which show where speech begins and ends. Previously known as speech marks. They go before and after direct speech in a sentence, for example, "Watch out!" shouted the girl.

Direct speech is shown by writing exactly what was spoken between inverted commas.

Indirect speech reports on what has been said without writing the speech in full. It can also be called **reported speech**.

Supporting resources:

You can watch the answer explanation video which takes children through this activity and ways to answer it on [https://www.youtube.com/user/ClassroomSecretsLtd/ playlists](https://www.youtube.com/user/ClassroomSecretsLtd/playlists) >> **Year 3 Playlist** >> **Punctuating Direct Speech Answer Explanation**.

Other resources:

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Punctuating Direct Speech

1. The sentences are as follows: A: Hardin asked his dad, "Where are my shoes?"
B: "I often forget to tie my laces before I leave the house," Ruby admitted shyly.
C: Walter exclaimed, "Tap your nose softly and pat your shoulder quietly!"
D: "Polly, how do I open this cupboard so I can feed the birds?" Brenda asked loudly.
2. A: "Where is the fruit and vegetables aisle?" the woman at the supermarket questioned angrily. B: "When answering questions about a text it is important to read the question and text, before you ask for help," Marcel clarified.
3. No, Nikita has not completed the checklist correctly as the sentence should be written as follows: Andy was walking through the park with his dog. He saw his friend Tracey and he excitedly asked her, "How are you, my dear friend?"