

Direct and Indirect Speech

1. Read the paragraphs below. Underline the direct speech sentences in green. Underline the indirect speech sentences in red.

As they approached the abandoned house, Jake looked round at his friends.

Cautiously, he asked them if they were scared. Laughing loudly, Zoe responded, “No, I’ve been looking forward to this for weeks!”

All of a sudden, they heard a loud bang from behind the door. They froze and stared at each other in horror. Mike yelled, “Run!” at the top of his lungs. As they scrambled back down the path, Zoe reluctantly admitted that she was absolutely terrified.

2. Circle to show where inverted commas are missing from the paragraph below.

Dipping her toes into the warm, glittering ocean, Arya smiled to herself. She turned and mischievously asked her brother if he was up for a challenge. What have you got in mind? he questioned curiously. With a wide grin on her face, she pointed to the buoys bobbing in the water and announced, I’ll race you there and back!

3. Which sentence in the paragraph below is incorrect? Explain why and re-write the sentence correctly.

Greg had worked so hard to win the Science Fair competition. When Professor Dorwin told him, “What an incredible scientist he had become.” Greg couldn’t stop himself from beaming with pride. He thanked the professor for all of the help and support he had given him over the years. Professor Dorwin reminded him, “You could never have achieved this without your hard work and determination, Greg.”