

Understand

Change these examples of direct speech into reported speech.

- Tia asked when lunch would be ready.

Tia asked, "When will lunch be ready?"

- Jim told me that it was raining outside.

"It is raining outside," Jim said to me.

- Aunt Jo explained that the paint needed to dry before we could sit on the bench.

"The paint needs to dry before you can sit on the bench," explained Aunt Jo.

Challenge

Can you write a sentence about each picture which includes **direct speech**?
Make sure to include all of the **punctuation** needed.



"Please don't eat me,"

begged the mouse with fear in her eyes.



Bob exclaimed, "I can't fit everyone in!" as he tried to move the

phone around.

15-Minute

Direct Speech Challenge!

Test

Tick the sentence which is *punctuated correctly*.

- ☐ Bina asked "Are you going to the park tonight?"
- ☐ "Where is the post office?" asked Jim.
- ☒ "It's time we found the car," said Mr. Turner. "We need to go home."
- ☐ "Today's lesson is on colour mixing," said Mr. Turner.

Add the *missing commas* to these sentences.

- Sunil said, "I can't find my phone."
- "It's nearly lunchtime," said Bina.
- "I'm waiting," said Jim, "for the next train to arrive."

Add the *missing punctuation* to these sentences.

- "It's time to go in. It's getting dark," said Mike.
- Mike said, "It's time to go in. It's getting dark."
- "It's time to go in," said Mike. "It's getting dark."

Explain

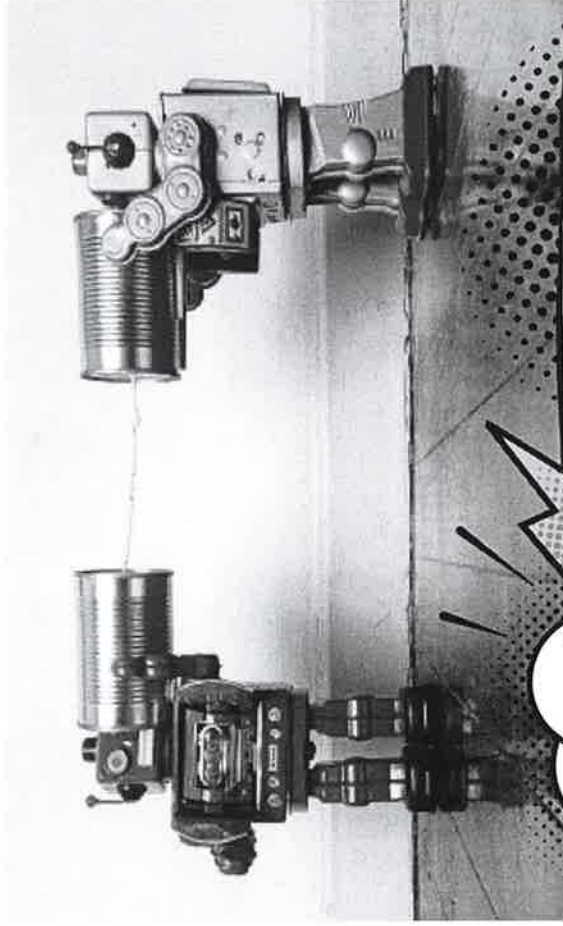
Using your own words, explain all of the *punctuation* that is needed when writing direct speech.

You need:

- opening and closing *inverted commas* around what is being said
- to start speech with a capital letter
- to use , ? ! or . before you close *inverted commas*
- the reporting clause doesn't need a capital letter
- you need a new line for a new speaker
- If your reporting clause is at the beginning, remember the comma before the speech

Apply

What do your toys do when you're not looking? Think about the games or toys you've left at home. Imagine if they could talk, and write the conversation they are having right now. Remember to use all of the correct *punctuation*.



Extra challenge:

Try to change where you use the direct speech within a sentence. Can you start a sentence with a character's name or an adverb instead of inverted commas?

"Hey there!" said Metallica. "What have you been up to today?"

Shinester replied, "Nothing really. Just hanging out under the bed."

"That doesn't sound like fun,"

Metallica laughed as he spun around in the room.

"You're right," Shinester muttered. "It was cold and dirty and smelt of old socks!"