Direct and Indirect Quotes

Grade 3

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Remember: A **direct quotation** uses the **exact words** in quotation marks: *Lily said,* "*I am tired.*" An **indirect quotation** reports the words without quotation marks, often with *that*: *Lily said that she was tired.*

Clue: Words like *that*, *if* and *whether* after *said* or *asked* usually mean an indirect quotation.

1. Direct or indirect?

Circle **direct** if the sentence uses the exact words, or **indirect** if it reports them.



1	Kofi said, "My tooth is loose."	direct	indirect
2	Kofi said that his tooth was loose.	direct	indirect
3	Mom asked if we had brushed our teeth.	direct	indirect
4	"Did you brush your teeth?" asked Mom.	direct	indirect
5	The coach told us that practice was cancelled.	direct	indirect
6	"Practice is cancelled," said the coach.	direct	indirect

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2. Make it direct

Rewrite each indirect quotation as a direct quotation. Use the person's exact words.

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2. Dad told us that dinner was ready.

3. Sam asked if he could play outside.

4. The vet said that the puppy was healthy.

Answer Key

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Answers may vary slightly. These are examples.

1. Ella said that she loved the book.
   Ella said, "I love the book."
2. Dad told us that dinner was ready.
   Dad said, "Dinner is ready."
3. Sam asked if he could play outside.
   Sam asked, "Can I play outside?"
4. The vet said that the puppy was healthy.
   The vet said, "The puppy is healthy."