

The Differences between Direct and Indirect Speech

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William asked if he could have a turn on the slide.	
"It's my turn next," Shiya shouted.	
Dad said that the children should stop arguing.	
Kylie mentioned that the swings were free.	
"I love the park," squealed Emir.	
Mum told the children that it was time to go home.	

Add any missing punctuation to the sentences containing direct speech.

1. I want sweets! shouted the little girl.
2. As I was walking away, my friend called Don't forget your bag!
3. Please can you help me with my maths work? asked Reuben quietly.

Change the direct speech in the sentences to indirect speech.

1. "We must work together!" declared Alexander.

2. "If we are late, we might miss the show," stated my sister anxiously.

3. "My mum said, "Don't worry, there is plenty of time to get there."

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Nervously, William asked if he could have a turn on the slide as his sister played in the sandpit.	
"It's my turn next," Shiya shouted as she pushed roughly past William.	
Dad called out that the children should stop arguing and just enjoy playing together.	
Kylie mentioned that the swings were free so maybe they should go on them instead of arguing about the slide.	
"I love the park," squealed Emir as he toddled towards the swings happily.	

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1. As the little girl ran into the shop she was shouting I want sweets
2. Don't forget your bag my friend called as I was walking away from the park
3. Please can you help me with my maths work asked Reuben quietly I'm finding it quite tricky
4. Will we ever get there whined the young child during the long car journey I'm hungry

Rewrite the sentences. Change the direct speech to indirect speech, and the indirect speech to direct speech.

1. My sister anxiously stated that if we were late, we might miss the show.

2. My mum reassured her not to worry because there was plenty of time to get there.
