



Subject: Grade 8 English: Home Language

Topic: Direct and indirect speech

Total: 28 Marks

Name: _____

Date: _____

This text refers to question: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Direct and Indirect Speech

Direct Speech uses the exact words of the speaker, indicated with inverted commas.

For example:

"We will be going to the shop today," said Louisa.

"I love going to the mall," stated Jenny.

"Will you like to go with us, Karen?" asked Kylie.

Indirect Speech / Reported Speech is when you are reporting on what someone else has said. Certain changes occur when rewriting a sentence from direct to indirect speech. The inverted commas fall away, certain pronouns change, and the verbs are changed into past tense.

For example:

Louisa said that they would be going to the shop that day.

Jenny stated that she loves going to the mall.

Kylie asked Karen whether she would like to go with them.

Question 1: True/False

2 marks

In indirect speech all the verbs are changed one step into the past tense.

TRUE

FALSE

Question 2: Text Input

3 marks

Is the following sentence written in direct or indirect (reported) speech?:

"The rumours are false!", shouted Angela.

Question 3: True/False

2 marks

In direct speech, all punctuation is placed inside the inverted commas.

TRUE

FALSE

Question 4: True/False

2 marks

Direct speech is indicated through the use of an ellipsis.

 TRUE FALSE**Question 5: Text Input**

3 marks

Is the following sentence written in direct or indirect (reported) speech?:

Brian said that he would be in touch as soon as school started again.

Question 6: True/False

2 marks

When a question is rewritten from direct to indirect speech, the words "if" or "whether" is used to introduce the question.

 TRUE FALSE**Question 7: Multiple Choice**

4 marks

Choose the correct punctuation mark to complete the following sentence in direct speech:

"Can you pass me a page, Sarah_" asked Mark.

- | | |
|----------|---|
| A | " |
| B | ? |
| C | . |
| D | , |

Question 8: Text Input

3 marks

Is the following sentence written in direct or indirect (reported) speech?:

Kanye West said that he would sue the newspaper.

Question 9: Multiple Choice

4 marks

Choose the correct punctuation mark to complete the following sentence in direct speech:

"The country is in trouble_ , said the president.

- | | |
|----------|---|
| A | " |
| B | ! |
| C | ? |
| D | . |
-

Question 10: Text Input

3 marks

Is the following sentence written in direct or indirect (reported) speech?:

"I am the king of the world! ", exclaimed Jack.

Total: 28 Marks