

# Pupil book answers

Grammar 5

Schofield &amp; Sims Grammar and Punctuation

## Punctuating direct speech

### Remember

In **direct speech**, the spoken words are sometimes split up, with 'said X' in the middle of them. If someone says two complete sentences, you put a full stop between the sentences.

"It sounds like rats," said Dylan. "There are probably hundreds of them down there."



If someone says one sentence, you put a comma after 'said X' to show that the sentence continues.

"I heard it before," said Maya, "but this time it's louder."

### Try it

- 1 Read this direct speech and decide if there is one spoken sentence or two. Then add the missing punctuation.

"Take care of yourself," she shouted. "Those roads can be dangerous."

"We must find the wise man," said the chief, "and ask him what to do."

"You stay here," said Arjun, "while we go inside."

"It's not my fault," Natalie said quickly. "I was only trying to help."

"You should hurry," said the ticket inspector, "because the train is leaving in a few minutes."

- 2 Complete the sentence spoken by each character and add the punctuation.

"I'm having a party," announced Kayla, "and I want you all to come."

"I've looked everywhere," moaned Louie, "but I still can't find my book."

"When it stops raining," said Sarah, "we will go for a run."

"We are going to the cinema," explained Lucy, "so I have to hurry home."

"We should stay here," insisted Nisha, "or Dad will never find us in this crowd."

### Sentence practice

Freya and Lee are trapped. Write two lines of direct speech, split up as above, to show this.

"We must get out of here," whispered Lee, "before the thieves come back."

"Good idea," said Freya. "Let's get to the door and make a run for it."

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Encourage the pupils to look at the examples above to check that they have punctuated the sentences correctly.

Remind them that if the spoken words continue with a conjunction [and, while, because], then it is one sentence and should be punctuated accordingly. Check that the final full stop is added inside the inverted commas.

Different pupils will have completed the sentences in different ways, but it should be a plausible continuation of the spoken sentence.

Answers should be punctuated as one sentence. Check that both parts of the sentence are punctuated correctly.

This is an example of two suitable lines of direct speech. Look for direct speech where the spoken words are split by 'said X', as practised on this page. Check that it is punctuated correctly.