



Indirect and direct quotations

Grade 4 Punctuation Worksheet

Rewrite the indirect quotations as direct quotations. Add punctuation as needed.

Direct quotations: Quotation marks surround the actual exact words said by the speaker.

Indirect quotations: Sentences that tell what someone said, but not in their exact words. No quotation marks are used.

1. Mitchell said that his bike is broken.

2. Abe Lincoln said that everyone should be free.

3. Martha explained that her favorite color is blue.



4. The actor said to always remember to smile on stage.

5. My teacher demanded that we study our spelling words every night.

6. Principal Rogers told the students to arrive to school on time.

7. The kids yelled that recess is the best part of the day.



Answers

1. Mitchell said that his bike is broken.
"My bike is broken," said Mitchell.
2. Abe Lincoln said that everyone should be free.
Abe Lincoln said, "Everyone should be free."
3. Martha explained that her favorite color is blue.
"My favorite color is blue," explained Martha.
4. The actor said to always remember to smile on stage.
"Always remember to smile on stage," said the actor.
5. My teacher demanded that we study our spelling words every night.
"Study your spelling words every night," demanded my teacher.
6. Principal Rogers told the students to arrive to school on time.
Principal Rogers said to the students, "Arrive to school on time."
7. The kids yelled that recess is the best part of the day.
"Recess is the best part of the day!" yelled the kids.