



Speak to me

CAPS: Grade 5, Term 3

Reading & Viewing

Reads a story with dialogue:
Answers questions about story

Note

Direct speech is the exact words being spoken by someone e.g. "Hello, I am Sue."

Dialogue is another word for direct speech.

When writing, direct speech is enclosed in inverted commas or quote marks. e.g. " "

Activity 1

What was said? Fill in the missing speech marks so the direct speech is clear.
An example has been done for you. [Hint: two also need question marks.]

Example

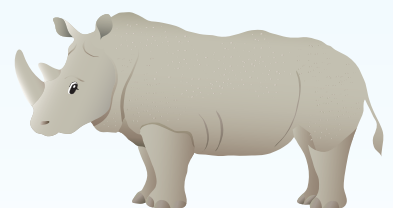
She said I have won first prize. She said, "I have won first prize."

- ① He asked What are you doing _____
- ② Where should I put my wet coat asked the old man.

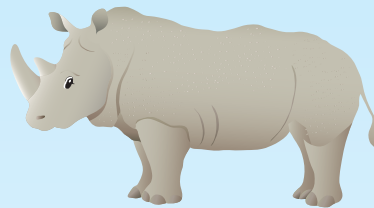
- ③ I told you to put your dirty clothes in the laundry said Mom.

Activity 2

Who said what? Add direct speech to show what Rita Rhino and Zake Zebra are saying to each other.







Activity 3

Read the short story, then answer the questions which follow. One has been done for you.

"I want to go to soccer practice," said Lee. "I don't like staying inside all day."

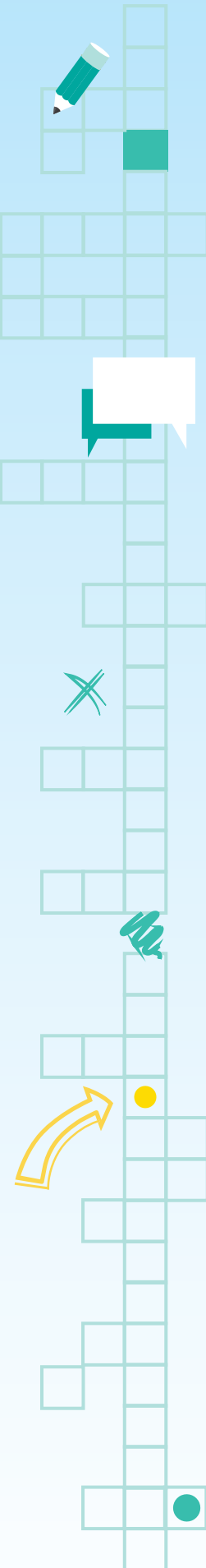
"I thought you had to learn for a History test," said Dad.

"Oh Dad," said Lee. "I've almost finished. Can't I just take off for an hour?"

"Yes, you can take off for an hour," said Dad. "But only when you've finished learning."

"But soccer practice will be over if I don't go soon!" said Lee.

"Then you'd better hurry up and learn, hadn't you?" said Dad.





- ① Who are the two people speaking in this story? Lee and his dad / father
- ② What was Lee doing? _____
- ③ Where did he want to go? _____
- ④ Why did he want to go? _____
- ⑤ How much time did he want to take off? _____
- ⑥ He got permission to go, but only if he did what? _____

Activity 4

Read the short story, then answer the questions which follow. One has been done for you.

"Excuse me", said the woman. "Please can you tell me what the time is?"

"I think it's about half past four" replied Shan. "I haven't got a watch but I remember seeing the time on the bank clock a few minutes ago."

"The bank!" said the woman. "That's just where I'm looking for. Can you show me the way?"

"Certainly," said Shan. "You go down past the city hall, turn right, go straight on and the bank will be on your left-hand side."

"Wonderful," said the woman, "Thanks so much. I'd better hurry as it's almost closing time"

"My pleasure," said Shan.

- ① Who are the two people talking in the story? Shan and a woman
- ② What did the woman want from Shan? _____
- ③ Why didn't Shan know the exact time? _____
- ④ Where had Shan seen the time? _____
- ⑤ Which other building would the woman pass on her way to the bank? _____
- ⑥ Why did the woman need to hurry? _____

Teacher Tip

Remind learners that when using speech bubbles:

- to only write the exact words each person is saying. (i.e no need for he said, she said)
- no inverted commas / speech marks are necessary.

In a story, each new speaker should start on a new line.

