

# Punctuating Direct Speech

**WEEK 10**

# What is direct speech?

**Direct speech** is a sentence in which the exact words spoken are reproduced in speech marks (also known as quotation marks or inverted commas). For example: "You'll never guess what I've just seen!" said Sam, excitedly.



Underline the words being spoken in the sentence below.

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- A – inverted comma
- B – question mark
- C – full stop

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**False**

**“Can we watch a film tonight?” asked Ben.**



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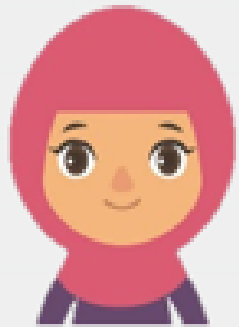
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**“Please can you show me where platform  
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# APPLICATION

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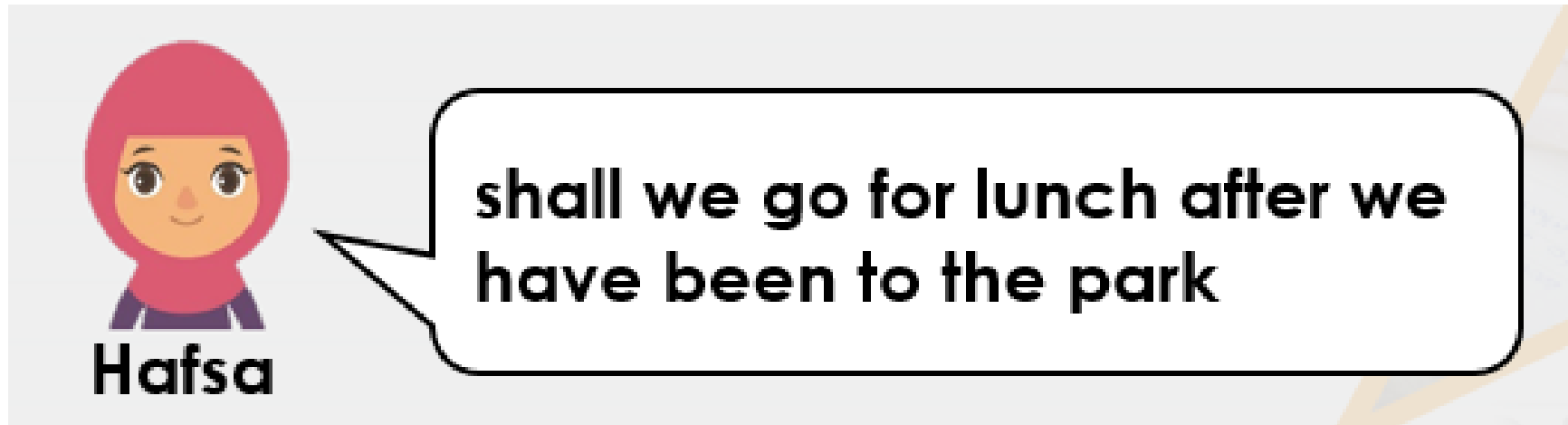


**Hafsa**

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have been to the park**

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Hafsa asked, "Shall we go for lunch after we have been to the park?"

Accept sentences which include the speaker at the end of the sentence.

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Various possible answers; including:

**“You can have a sandwich, chicken pie or a really tasty curry,”**

**Mrs Smith replied.**



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**Steph has used inverted commas around the whole sentence instead of what is being spoken.**

**“How can I help you today?” asked the shop assistant.**

