

DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPEECH

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☀ What is Direct and Indirect Speech? ☀

Direct Speech: When we write the exact words someone says, using quotation marks.

Indirect Speech: When we tell what someone said, without using their exact words.

Examples:

- Direct Speech: John said, "I am going to the park."
- Indirect Speech: John said that he was going to the park.

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IDENTIFY DIRECT OR INDIRECT SPEECH

Activity one: Read each sentence. Write Direct or Indirect next to it.



1. Tom said, "I am hungry."

2. Sarah told me that she was going to the park.

3. "Can you help me?" asked Mia.

4. Jack said he couldn't find his book.

5. "It's raining today," said Emma.

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CHANGE DIRECT SPEECH TO INDIRECT SPEECH

Activity Two: Rewrite the sentences below in indirect speech.

1. "I love reading books," said Lily.

→ _____

2. Mark said, "I will come to the party."

→ _____

3. "We are going to the zoo," said the children.

→ _____

4. "Please close the door," asked the teacher.

→ _____

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CHANGE INDIRECT SPEECH TO DIRECT

SPEECH

Activity three: Rewrite the sentences below in direct speech.

Dad said that he was cooking dinner.

→ _____

She told me that she was tired.

→ _____

They said that they had finished their homework.

→ _____

The teacher said that we must be quiet.

→ _____

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PUNCTUATE THE DIRECT SPEECH

CORRECTLY

Activity four: Add quotation marks and other punctuation to the sentences below.

She said I am happy today

→ _____

Are you coming to the park asked John

→ _____

I can't wait for the weekend exclaimed Lucy

→ _____

Please help me said the boy

→ _____

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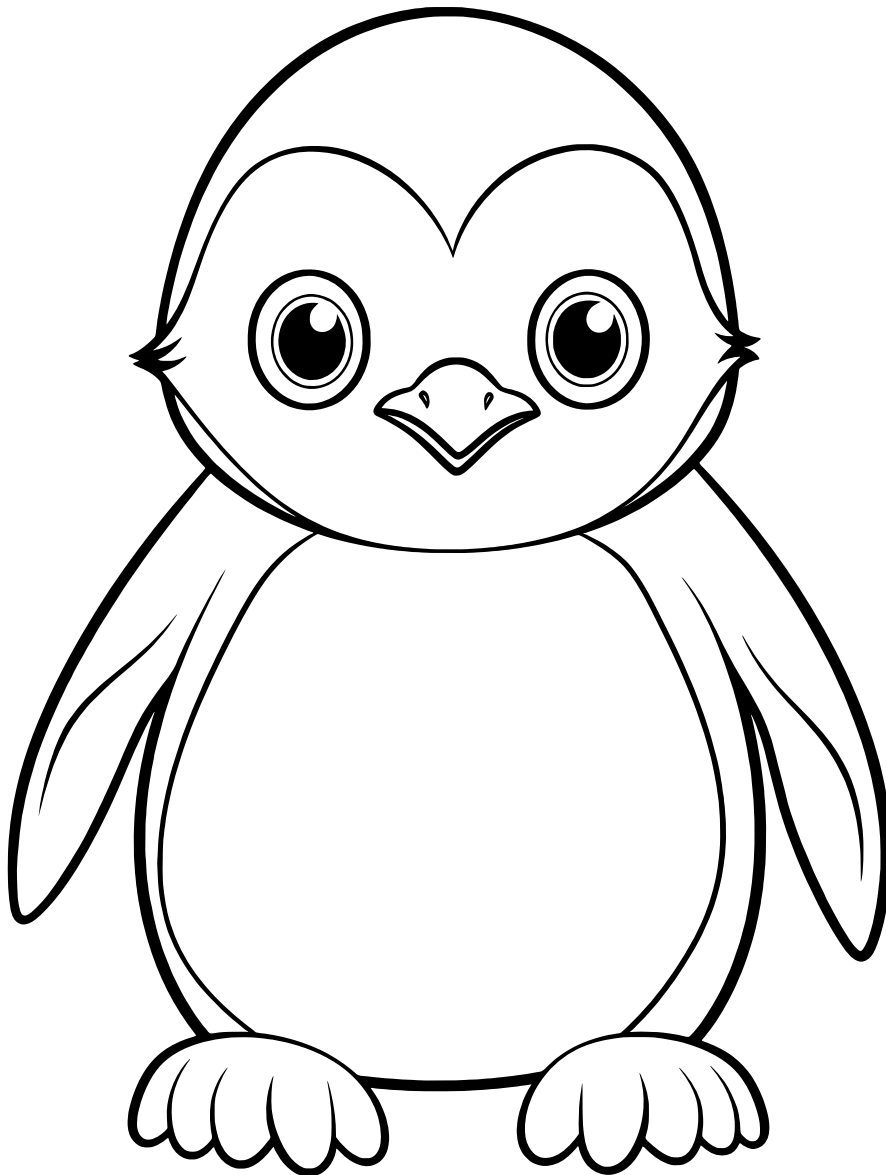
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Activity five:

Colour the picture below!



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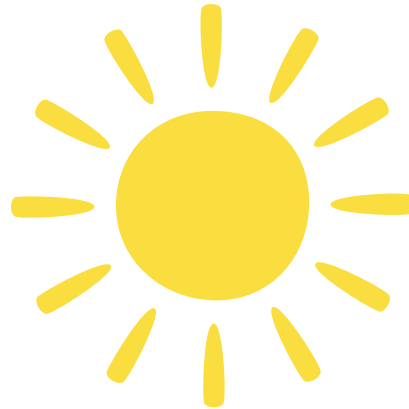
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Activity one: Identify Direct or Indirect Speech

1. Direct
2. Indirect
3. Direct
4. Indirect
5. Direct



Activity two: Change Direct Speech to Indirect Speech

1. Lily said that she loved reading books.
2. Mark said that he would come to the party.
3. The children said that they were going to the zoo.
4. The teacher asked to please close the door.

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Activity three: Change Indirect Speech to Direct Speech

1. Dad said, "I am cooking dinner."
2. She said, "I am tired."
3. They said, "We have finished our homework."
4. The teacher said, "You must be quiet."



Activity four: Punctuate the Direct Speech Correctly

1. She said, "I am happy today."
2. "Are you coming to the park?" asked John.
3. "I can't wait for the weekend!" exclaimed Lucy.
4. "Please help me," said the boy.

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