

Grade 7 English FAL Direct Speech Activity

Remember:

- In **direct speech**, we write the exact words that were spoken. We put quotation marks around these words and add a speech tag such as he said or she asked.

For example: *“Where are you going this afternoon?” she asked.*

“I am going to town,” he said.

1. Rewrite the sentences and fill in the correct punctuation and capital letters for the following sentences in direct speech:

- a) the principal said there will be an assembly tomorrow (3)
- b) the teacher asked will we be singing the school song at assembly (3)
- c) the principal said yes we will sing it after the announcements (3)
- d) the teacher replied the choir will practise the school song this afternoon (3)

2. Write these sentences in direct speech.

- a) the teacher told the choir members that they would be singing at assembly the following day (3)
- b) the teacher told Karabo that he would be singing a solo (2)
- c) Karabo said that he had not sung a solo since the previous year (3)

Total marks [20]

Answers:

1. Fill in the correct punctuation and capital letters for the following sentences in direct speech:

- a) The principal said, “There will be an assembly tomorrow.” (3)
- b) The teacher asked, “Will we be singing the school song at assembly?” (3)
- c) The principal said, “Yes, we will sing it after the announcements.” (3)
- d) The teacher replied, “The choir will practise the school song this afternoon.” (3)

2. Direct speech

- a) The teacher told the choir members, “You will be singing at assembly tomorrow.” (3)
- b) The teacher said, “Karabo, you will be singing a solo.” (2)
- c) Karabo said, “I have not sung a solo since last year.” (3)

Total marks [20]