

PUNCTUATING DIRECT SPEECH (QUOTED SPEECH) 1

Rewrite each of the following sentences containing references to direct speech, punctuating each one correctly:

eg: I want to believe him/said Jim/but I can't → "I want to believe him," said Jim, "but I can't."

1. She said/I will be there in ten minutes

2. I accept your offer of employment/Jim said

3. Get out of here!/I screamed

4. When will we get there?/she asked

5. We will never know/she replied/until we ask him

6. I can't make it for 8:00 PM/he said/Can I get there for 9?

7. This is the stupidest movie I have ever seen/she complained

8. He stood up and said/Yes, I am the one responsible for this mess

9. He looked deep into her eyes/You know/he said/I have always loved you.

10. What is wrong with your sister?/Maria asked/Is she ill?

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ANSWERS:

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10. "What is wrong with your sister?" Maria asked. "Is she ill?"