

PUNCTUATING DIRECT SPEECH (QUOTED SPEECH) 2

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."

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2. My sister was laughing/That's the funniest thing I've ever heard!/she said

3. I was still hungry/she confessed/but I was afraid to ask for more food

4. Will this be the last song?/Jim wondered

5. Half way home, the car broke down/Great/said my brother/now we'll have to call a tow truck

6. The mayor stood up and said/We will rebuild our city/We will build new bridges and new roads/We will invest in affordable housing

7. Wow!/she said and gave me a big hug/I've missed you so much!

8. I can always count on you/he said/Then a tear appeared in his eye.

9. If you think you can get away with this/the officer said/you're wrong.

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