Direct and Indirect Speech

Name: _____ Date: _____

Remember: Direct speech uses the exact words spoken (with quotation marks). Indirect speech reports what was said without quotation marks, and requires changes to pronouns, verb tenses, and time expressions.

Part A: Convert Direct Speech to Indirect Speech

Rewrite each sentence in indirect speech.

1. "I am going to the library tomorrow," said Sarah.

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2. "We have finished our homework," the students told the teacher.

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3. "Can you help me with this question?" asked Tom.

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4. "I don't like broccoli," Emma complained.

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5. "Where did you put my book?" James asked his brother.

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Part B: Convert Indirect Speech to Direct Speech

Rewrite each sentence in direct speech, using correct punctuation.

6. The coach told the team that they had played brilliantly.

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7. Maria said that she would meet us at the park later.

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8. Dad asked if I had fed the dog that morning.

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9. The teacher announced that there would be a test the following week.

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10. Lucy exclaimed that it was the best day ever.

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Part C: Mixed Practice

Convert each sentence to the opposite form (direct ↔ indirect).

11. "Why are you late?" the principal asked.

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12. My friend told me that she had seen a fantastic movie the previous night.

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13. "Please close the door behind you," Mum said.

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14. Ben said that he couldn't find his phone anywhere.

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