

I can punctuate direct speech.

Someone has removed all the inverted commas from the extract below.
Can you improve it by adding the correct punctuation?

Use these punctuation marks:

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Inverted commas	Full stop

"Can Dog sleep in the tent with us tonight, Dad?" I ask, grabbing Dog around the belly so that he can't run off after a frenzied squirrel.

"We can't have that, Bee," Dad says. "The tent is for humans. Dog wants to sleep outside, where the air is fresh."

"If any dog deserves to sleep inside, it's him," I say. "Plus, it's raining."

"Dog loves the rain," says Dad. "Gloopy brain, gloopy brain..." he sings. Dad is always singing to himself. He's that sort of dad.

"No, Dog hates the rain," I say defiantly, as Dog breaks free and trots off cheerfully through the hammering drops into the underbrush.

When Did It Happen? **Answers**

1. After getting out of bed, Sheila ate her breakfast.
2. At night, Jack cleaned his teeth and got ready for bed.
3. Last summer, we went to Spain for a holiday.
4. After lunch, we ate a delicious dessert.
5. Before running the race, Ryan did some warm-up exercises.
6. During the film, Ben and Holly ate popcorn.
7. When she fell over, Phoebe started to cry.
8. Whilst cooking dinner, Dad burnt his hand.

Expanded Noun Phrases **Answers**

Read the following sentences. Underline or circle the **expanded noun phrase** in each sentence.

1. The brightly-coloured parrot flew through the canopy.
2. After his lunch, Harold ate a sweet, delicious chocolate brownie.
3. Under the waves, the stripy fish swam quickly through the reef.
4. In a forest clearing, a dark, mysterious jaguar sauntered by the water.
5. "Pass me the blue shoes please," Mum asked Sophia.
6. As John sat at the bus stop, he saw three large, black cars go past.
7. "These strawberry yoghurts are out of date!" complained the customer in the shop.
8. "Whose is this writing pencil?" asked the teacher as she held it in the air.
9. When he reached the top, the climber stared at the vast, breath-taking view.
10. Happy and elated, the winning team held their trophy in the air.

Match the Pronoun with Its Noun **Answers**

In the following paragraph, there are lots of pronouns. Can you circle them all?

Chocolate first came from Central America. **It** was originally called Xocolatl. When Spanish explorers travelled to the New World, **they** found many unknown foods there. **These** were brought back as gifts for **their** kings and queens. In 1847, Joseph Fry made the first chocolate bar, which **he** called 'Chocolate Cream'. British people must love chocolate, because on average **we** eat about 8.5kg each every year, which could make **us** very fat!

Now find the noun or noun phrase each pronoun belongs to. Write them as a pair, like this:

'it' = chocolate
they = Spanish explorers
these = unknown foods
their = Spanish explorers
he = Joseph Fry
we = British people
us = British people