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Add any missing punctuation to the sentences containing direct speech.

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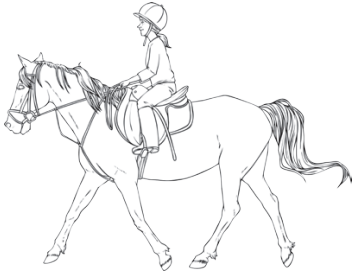
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"We can do this!" called the daring rider to her fearless horse.



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Joseph instructed his teammates to find a space on the court.

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1. Alexander declared that we should all work together.

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1. "I want sweets!" shouted the little girl as she ran into the shop.
Also accept a comma after "I want sweets,"
2. My friend called as I was walking away from the park, "Don't forget your bag."
Also accept an exclamation mark after "Don't forget your bag!"
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"We can do this!" called the daring rider to her fearless horse as they approached the towering fence.



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Spotting that this was their chance, Joseph confidently instructed his teammates to find a space on the court.

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Dad called out that the children should stop arguing and just enjoy playing together.	
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2. Don't forget your bag my friend called as I was walking away from the park
3. Please can you help me with my maths work asked Reuben quietly I'm finding it quite tricky
4. Will we ever get there whined the young child during the long car journey I'm hungry

Rewrite the sentences. Change the direct speech to indirect speech, and the indirect speech to direct speech.

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2. My mum reassured her not to worry because there was plenty of time to get there.

3. "Can we have ice creams, mum?" pleaded Sophia as soon as she heard the ice cream van coming.

4. "I will gently check Fudge's ears," the vet said when we took my poorly dog to see her.

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1. As the little girl ran into the shop, she was shouting "I want sweets!"
Also accept a full stop after "I want sweets."
2. "Don't forget your bag!" my friend called as I was walking away from the park.
Also accept a comma after "Don't forget your bag,"
3. "Please can you help me with my maths work?" asked Reuben quietly. "I'm finding it quite tricky."
4. "Will we ever get there?" whined the young child during the long car journey. "I'm hungry."
Also accept an exclamation mark after "I'm hungry!"

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"If we are late, we might miss the show," stated my sister anxiously.
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As soon as she heard the ice cream van coming, Sophia pleaded with her mum for ice creams.

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When we took my poorly dog to the vet, she said that she would check Fudge's ears gently.

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"You all look very smart," commented the head teacher proudly as the children filed into the hall.

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