

# Step 2: Punctuating Direct Speech

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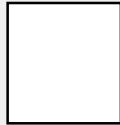
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Freddy said, "I'm going to ride to the park."

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**..... shouted the police officer.**

**The man said....**



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**The boy asked, “Can I play out?”**

**“STOP!” shouted the police officer.**

**The man said, “I’m going to buy a newspaper.”**

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**It is not correct because:**

- the comma after the reporting clause is missing
- the inverted commas to mark the end of the direct speech are missing