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Direct speech

Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech.

Add the correct punctuation for the direct speech in this passage.

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Challenge: Turn this comic strip into a piece of text using direct speech.

The characters are Tara (schoolgirl), Guy (schoolboy), Natasha (ice-cream seller from the above picture).



Year 4 Answers

In some questions, alternative answers may be acceptable. The likeliest answers are given below. If questions have more than one answer, teachers should use their own judgement when marking.

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"What do you want?" she demanded, looking down at Tara and Guy.

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"Please can I have a double scoop with extra sprinkles today?" Tara asked.

"I'm going for a single scoop with toffee logs, please," replied Guy.

When the ice creams were ready, instead of passing them over she attached them to a fishing rod and lowered them down.

"Take the ice creams and put your money in that little pouch attached to the rod," Natasha commanded.

"That was weird," said Guy, in between mouthfuls of the incredible-tasting chilled snack.

"Do you think she's entering a fishing tournament?" asked Tara.

"If she is, she's using a very strange method of practising for it," said Tara.

