

Dialogue and punctuation

Grade 3 Punctuation Worksheet

Choose the sentence that is written correctly.

1. _____
 - a. It is too late for milk said mom.
 - b. "It is too late for milk," said mom.
 - c. "it is too late for milk" said mom.

2. _____
 - a. Look at the bird. Said Thomas.
 - b. "Look at the bird." Said Thomas.
 - c. "Look at the bird," said Thomas.

3. _____
 - a. Jessica asked, "Should we leave now?"
 - b. Jessica asked: "Should we leave now?"
 - c. Jessica asked "Should we leave now?"

4. _____
 - a. "There is butter on my toast" noted the boy.
 - b. "There is butter on my toast," noted the boy.
 - c. "There is butter on my toast, noted the boy."

5. _____
 - a. Jennifer said, I got a new book!
 - b. Jennifer said, "I got a new book!"
 - c. "Jennifer said, I got a new book!"

6. _____
 - a. The sign read "Protect the environment."
 - b. The sign read: "Protect the environment."
 - c. The sign read, "Protect the environment."

7. _____
 - a. "Think before you speak," my mother always said.
 - b. "Think before you speak" my mother always said.
 - c. "Think before you speak, my mother always said."

8. _____
 - a. The teacher asked: "What is the answer?"
 - b. The teacher asked, "What is the answer?"
 - c. The teacher asked "What is the answer?"



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Answers

1. **b**
 - a. It is too late for milk said mom.
 - b. **“It is too late for milk,” said mom.**
 - c. “it is too late for milk” said mom.

2. **c**
 - a. Look at the bird. Said Thomas.
 - b. “Look at the bird.” Said Thomas.
 - c. **“Look at the bird,” said Thomas.**

3. **a**
 - a. **Jessica asked, “Should we leave now?”**
 - b. Jessica asked: “Should we leave now?”
 - c. Jessica asked “Should we leave now?”

4. **b**
 - a. “There is butter on my toast” noted the boy.
 - b. **“There is butter on my toast,” noted the boy.**
 - c. “There is butter on my toast, noted the boy.”

5. **b**
 - a. Jennifer said, I got a new book!
 - b. **Jennifer said, “I got a new book!”**
 - c. “Jennifer said, I got a new book!”

6. **b & c**
 - a. The sign read “Protect the environment.”
 - b. **The sign read: “Protect the environment.”**
 - c. **The sign read, “Protect the environment.”**

7. **a**
 - a. **“Think before you speak,” my mother always said.**
 - b. “Think before you speak” my mother always said.
 - c. “Think before you speak, my mother always said.”

8. **b**
 - a. The teacher asked: “What is the answer?”
 - b. **The teacher asked, “What is the answer?”**
 - c. The teacher asked “What is the answer?”