

Writing quotes using direct speech

Take each of these quotes and turn them into a sentence with speech punctuation and reporting clause. The first one has been done for you.

1. Mum: My princess is missing. I just want her back in my arms.

Cherry's mother stated, "My princess is missing! I just want her back in my arms!"

2. Brothers: I know we had our arguments, but we still loved her.
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3. Coastguard: The coast can be a dangerous place – especially if you do not pay attention to the tide.
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4. A witness: I remember seeing a girl on the rocks. She seemed to be looking for something
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5. The police: We will continue to look for the missing girl and encourage the public to be on the lookout.
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Make sure you have included all of the punctuation.

Number 2

The young girl's brothers said in shocked despair, "I know we had our arguments, but we still loved her."

or

"I know we had our arguments, but we still loved her," the young girl's brothers said in shocked despair.

Number 3

The local coastguard warned, "The coast can be a dangerous place – especially if you do not pay attention to the tide."

or

"The coast can be a dangerous place – especially if you do not pay attention to the tide," warned the local coastguard.

Number 4

Someone who witnessed the scene reported, "I remember seeing a girl on the rocks. She seemed to be looking for something."

or

"I remember seeing a girl on the rocks. She seemed to be looking for something," reported someone who witnessed the scene.

Number 5

The police have stated, "We will continue to look for the missing girl and encourage the public to be on the lookout."

or

"We will continue to look for the missing girl and encourage the public to be on the lookout," stated the police.