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Commas Use Within Sentences

Kent delivers pizza in the evenings. But during the day he works on his novel. He has recently had an editor review it, and the editor told him that he uses too much indirect speech, and that it is slowing down the action in his story.



DIRECTIONS: Re-write each indirect statement so that it is a quote that includes direct address. Follow the example.

1. Linda told Kenneth that she didn't want to be his girlfriend.

Linda said, "Kenneth, I don't want to be your girlfriend."

2. Kenneth told Linda that he was heartbroken.

3. Linda explained to Kenneth that she didn't mean to hurt him.

4. Kenneth told Linda that he understood.

5. Linda said to Kenneth that she wished that things could be different.

6. Kenneth promised Linda that he would always care for her.

7. Linda asked Kenneth if she would still get discounts on her pizza orders.

8. Kenneth told her that an ongoing discount might be taking things too far.
