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Where are they?

What could be happening?

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Inverted commas (speech marks) Rules

- placed at the beginning and end of words that are spoken
- the punctuation at the end of the spoken words is place inside the inverted commas.

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Split speech

- sometimes we can use 'said' to split the spoken words
- Punctuate with a comma

Can you put speech marks around the correct parts of speech in this sentence?

Take care of yourself she shouted Those roads can be dangerous

- 1) We must find the wise man said the chief and ask him what to do
- 2) You stay here said Arjun while we go inside
- 3) It's not my fault Natalie said quickly I was only trying to help
- 4) You should hurry said the ticket inspector because the train is leaving in a few minutes

Can you complete the sentence spoken AND add the punctuation?

I'm having a party announced Kayla and

Can you complete the sentence spoken AND add the punctuation?

- 1) I've looked everywhere moaned Louie but _____
- 2) When it stops raining said Sarah _____
- 3) We are going to the cinema explained Lucy so _____
- 4) We should stay here insisted Nisha or _____