

Sarcasm and Indirect Requests

DIRECTIONS: Read each item. Determine whether it is an example of SARCASM or an INDIRECT REQUEST. Then explain what the character really meant or wanted.

1. Janet had a cold. She blew her nose every two minutes. Bobby asked the class, "Is there an elephant in here?"
2. Ethan sat at the counter making chocolate milk. Jeffery came up and said, "Mmm, that sure looks good."
3. Janet, Bobby, Arun, and Marco were playing four square. Marco accidentally ran into Janet, and she began to cry. "Well aren't you a champ!" he said.
4. Katie was talking with her boyfriend on the phone, and they were obviously fighting about something. Bobby turned to Marco and asked, "Could she be any louder?"
5. Mom carried the groceries in from the car while Bob and I played basketball. "Boy, these bags are heavy," she said.
6. Patty was painting a fence while Joey read a book nearby. "This sure is hard work," she said.
7. It rained on the day of the marathon, and Katie was really disappointed. She remarked, "Great weather we're having," to her best friend Lisa.
8. Everybody knew Joey cheated on his math test, but he still waved around his latest A+. "You sure are good at math," Bobby said as he rolled his eyes.
9. Martha and Bob were working on posters. "All my markers ran out of ink," Martha said.
10. Bobby told Jenny, Annie, and Mark, "My mom said I can bring one friend to Disneyland next week." Mark said, "I don't have any plans next week, and I love Disneyland!"

