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Direct and Indirect Speech



There are different ways to convey messages to others. It can be conveyed by telling the actual words spoken by a person or by changing the actual words spoken by a person.

Direct speech:

When we say the actual words of a speaker to a third person, it is said to be a direct speech. The words are enclosed in quotation marks.

For example

Grandma said, "I am baking cookies for Jean."



Indirect speech/Reported Speech:

When we do not quote the exact words of a speaker while referring it to a third person, it is said to be an indirect speech or reported speech.

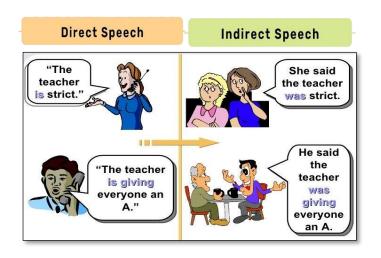
- ♣ Some changes are made to the tense of the verb and the pronouns.
- **♣** The words of the person are not enclosed in quotation marks.
- ♣ The word 'that' is used as a conjunction between the reporting verb and the reported speech.

For example

Grandma said that she was baking cookies for Jean.



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Exercise:1

Change the following sentences from direct speech to indirect speech.

1. "The weather is pleasant", he said.

Ans: He said that the weather was pleasant.

2. Kunal said, "I am staying with my uncle."

Ans: Kunal said that he was staying with his uncle.

3. She said to me, "I will see you next week."

Ans: She told me that she would see me the following week.

Stefen said, "My granny is making pasta."

Ans: Stefen said that his granny was making pasta.

5. They said, "We love our country, India."

Ans: They said that they love their country, India.

6. Shanti said, "I am going to meet my friend this evening."

Ans: Shanti said that she was going to meet her friend that evening.

7. "It is raining heavily today," John said.

Ans: John said that it was raining heavily that day.

8. The policeman said, "I am going to bring the thief to the court now."

Ans: The policeman said that he was going to bring the thief to the court then.







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9. He says, "Switzerland is the heaven on earth."

Ans: He says that Switzerland is the heaven on earth.

10. He said, "I do not like to work on a computer."

Ans: He said that he did not like to work on a computer.

11. The teacher said, "The moon causes tides in the ocean."

Ans: The teacher said that the moon causes tides in the ocean.

12. The news reporter said, "The flight will be delayed by a few hours due to heavy rains."

Ans: The news reporter said that the flight would be delayed by a few hours due to heavy rains.

13. They said, "We are enjoying the wonderful weather."

Ans: They said that they were enjoying the wonderful weather.

14. Rahul said, "My sister is very helpful."

Ans: Rahul said that his sister was very helpful.

15. Bobby says, "We are all going to Peter's party."

Ans: Bobby says that they are going to Peter's party.

Exercise:2

Choose the correct indirect speech form of the given sentences.

- 1. Maria said, "It is my car."
- a) Maria said that it is my car.
- b) Maria said that it is her car.
- c) Maria said that it was my car.
- d) Maria said that it was her car.
- 2. Tom said, "I want to visit my friends this weekend".
- a) Tom said he wants to visit his friends that weekend.
- b) Tom said he wanted to visit his friends that weekend.
- c) Tom said he wanted to visit his friends this weekend.
- d) Tom said he will visit his friends that weekend.

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- 3. Linda told me, "I own a flower shop".
 - a) Linda told me that I own a flower shop.
 - b) Linda told me that she owns a flower shop.
 - c) Linda told me that she owned a flower shop.
 - d) Linda told me that she will own a flower shop.
- 4. The manager said, "I will be in my office all afternoon."
 - a) The manager said that he would be in his office all afternoon.
 - b) The manager said that he will be in my office all afternoon.
 - c) The manager said that he will be in his office all afternoon.
 - d) The manager says that he would be in his office all afternoon.
- 5. Tom said 'I'm going to London tomorrow.'
 - a) Tom said that I am going to London tomorrow.
 - b) Tom said that he is going to London tomorrow.
 - c) Tom said that he was going to London the following day.
 - d) Tom said that he is going to London the following day.
- 6. Leo said, "My friend may come tonight."
 - a) Leo said that his friend may come tonight.
 - b) Leo said that his friend might come that night.
 - c) Leo told that his friend may come that night.
 - d) Leo said that his friend is coming that night.
- 7. Poppy said to her friend, "I am trying to paint the wall now."
 - a) Poppy told her friend that she is trying to paint the wall then.
 - b) Poppy told her friend that she was trying to paint the wall then.
 - c) Poppy said I am trying to paint the wall now.
 - d) Poppy said her friend that she will try to paint the wall now.
- 8. Mr. Brown said, "I don't feel like going out this evening."
 - a) Mr. Brown said he doesn't feel like going out that evening.
 - b) Mr. Brown said that he didn't feel like going out that evening.
 - c) Mr. Brown said that I don't feel like going out this evening.
 - d) Mr. Brown said that I didn't feel like going out that evening.
- 9. She said to me, "I'll call you tomorrow."
 - a) She said to me that I will call you tomorrow.
 - b) She told me that I will call you tomorrow.
 - c) She told me that she would call me the following day.
 - d) She told me that she will call me the following day.
- 10. Luke said, "I can do this homework."

- a) Luke said that I can do this homework.
- b) Luke said that he can do this homework.
- c) Luke said that he could do this homework.
- d) Luke said that he could do that homework.
