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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:

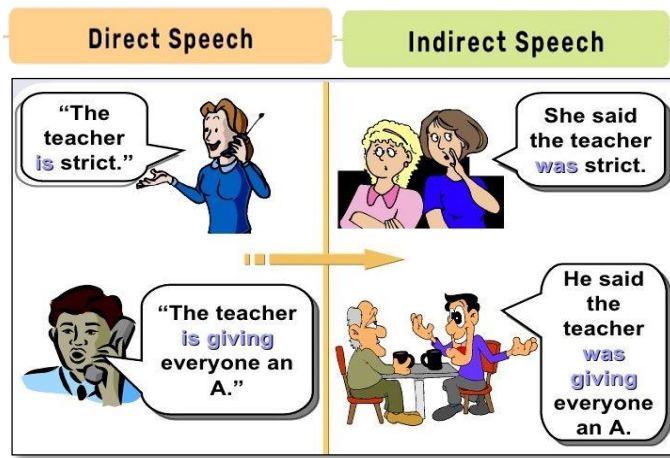
When we do not quote the exact words of a speaker while referring it to a third person, it is said to be an indirect speech or reported speech.

- ✚ 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.





Exercise:1

Convert the following sentences from direct speech to indirect speech.

- "The weather is pleasant", he said.
- Kunal said, "I am staying with my uncle."
- She said to me, "I will see you next week."
- Stefen said, "My granny is making pasta."
- They said, "We love our country, India."
- Shanti said, "I am going to meet my friend this evening."
- "It is raining heavily today," John said.
- The policeman said, "I am going to bring the thief to the court now."
- He says, "Switzerland is the heaven on earth."
- He said, "I do not like to work on a computer."
- The teacher said, "The moon causes tides in the ocean."
- The news reporter said, "The flight will be delayed by a few hours due to heavy rains."
- They said, "We are enjoying the wonderful weather."
- Rahul said, "My sister is very helpful."
- Bobby says, "We are all going to Peter's party."



Exercise:2

Choose the correct indirect speech form of the given sentences.

- Maria said, "It is my car."
 - Maria said that it is my car.
 - Maria said that it is her car.
 - Maria said that it was my car.
 - Maria said that it was her car.
- Tom said, "I want to visit my friends this weekend".

- a) Tom said that he wants to visit his friends that weekend.
 - b) Tom said that he wanted to visit his friends that weekend.
 - c) Tom said that he wanted to visit his friends this weekend.
 - d) Tom said that he will visit his friends that weekend.
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.
