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REPORTED SPEECH



Direct and Indirect Speech

We can report the words of a speaker in two ways:

By repeating the exact words used by the speaker.

Or

By reporting, only the substance of what he said.

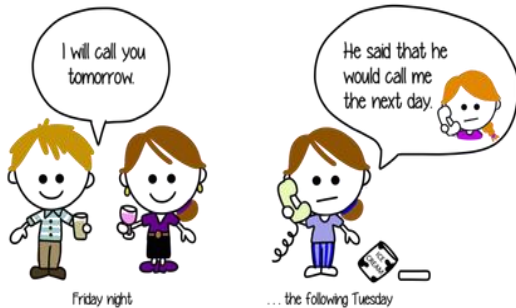
Now read the following sentences.

Speech: She said, "I am watching a movie".

Speech: She said that she was watching a movie. (Tense changed)

In the first sentence, we repeat, or quote, the exact words spoken by the speaker. This is called Direct Speech or Narration.

- The exact words of the speaker are put in inverted commas.
- There is a comma after the reporting verb.
- The quoted words begin with the capital letter.



In the second sentence, we do not give the exact words of the speaker but give only the substance of what he said. This is called Indirect Speech or Narration.

- Note that the indirect speech is in the form of ordinary sentences and has no special punctuation. On the other hand, if the reporting verb is in the past tense, then usually we change the tenses in the reported speech.
- Here the **Reported Speech** is introduced by the Conjunction ‘that’.

Rules for Changing Direct Speech into Indirect Speech:

Rule 1: If the Reporting Verb is in the Present or Future Tense, the Verb in the Reported Speech is not changed at all. In other words, if in direct speech we find say, says or will say then we will not change the tense of the verb inside the quotation marks.

Here are some examples:

Direct Speech - Dia says, “There is no water in the glass.”

Indirect Speech - Dia says that there is no water in the glass.

Direct Speech - Ram will say, “Nobody was in the auditorium.”

Indirect Speech - Ram will say that nobody was in the auditorium.

Rule 2: If in direct speech the Reported Speech contains some universal or habitual fact, then we will follow RULE ONE or in other words the tense inside the quotation marks remains unchanged.

Here are some examples:

Direct Speech - Ravi said, “Everything happens for a reason.”

Indirect Speech - Ravi said that everything happens for a reason.

Direct Speech - Teacher said, “The moon moves round the earth.”

Indirect Speech - Teacher said that the moon moves round the earth.

Direct Speech - The teacher said, “The sun rises in the east.”

Indirect Speech - The teacher said the sun rises in the east.

DIRECT SPEECH	INDIRECT SPEECH
Simple Present <i>"I never eat meat", he explained.</i>	Simple Past <i>= He explained (that) he never ate meat.</i>
Present Continuous <i>"I'm waiting for Ann", he said.</i>	Past Continuous <i>= He said (that) he was waiting for Ann.</i>
Present Perfect <i>"I have found a flat", he said.</i>	Past Perfect <i>= He said (that) he had found a flat.</i>
Present Perfect Continuous <i>He said, "I've been waiting for ages".</i>	Past Perfect Continuous <i>= He said (that) he had been waiting for ages.</i>
Simple Past <i>"I took it home with me", she said.</i>	Past Perfect <i>= She said (that) he had taken it home with her.</i>
Future <i>He said, "I will/shall be in Paris on Monday".</i>	Conditional <i>= He said (that) he would be in Paris on Monday.</i>

PLACE & TIME

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
today	that day
now	then / at the moment
yesterday	the day before
... days ago	... days before
last week	the week before
next year	the following year
tomorrow	the next day the following day
here	there
this	that
these	those
ago	previously / before
tonight	that night

TENSE CHANGE

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
will	would
can	could
must / have to	must or had to
may / might	might
should	should
ought to	ought to

Here are some examples:

Direct Speech - Tim said, "I am free now."

Indirect Speech - Tim said that he was free then.

Direct Speech - I said, "These oranges are sour."

Indirect Speech - I said that those oranges were sour.

Direct Speech - Heena said, "The red basket is here."

Indirect Speech - Heena said that the red basket was there.

Reported Speech for 'Wh' questions:

Reported Questions

When we report (Wh) questions, we join using the same question word and we change the question to a statement word order

Direct Speech

Simple Present

Mona asked me, "Where does Maria park her car?"

Present Progressive

Ahmed asked his sister, "What are you doing now?"

Past simple

She asked me, "When did you study English?"

Present perfect

She asked me, "Who has given the laptop to you?"

Reported Speech

Simple Past

Mona asked me where Maria parked her car.

Past Progressive

Ahmed asked his sister what she was doing then.

Past perfect

She asked me when I had studied English.

Past Perfect

She asked me who had given the laptop to me.

Exercise 1:

Change the following direct speech into reported speech:

1. He said to the teacher, "The exams were tough."
2. They said to me, "We will not surrender."
3. She says, "Solar energy is a good thing."
4. Mother said, "I love all of my children."
5. The shopkeeper said, "I don't have this item."
6. The visitor said, "I have never seen a good scenery like this."
7. "The film began at seven o'clock," he said.
8. "I don't speak Italian," she said.

Exercise 2:

Change the following direct speech into reported speech:

1. "Where is he?"

She asked me _____

2. "What are you doing?"

She asked me _____

3. "Why did you go out last night?"

She asked me _____

4. "Who was that beautiful woman?"

She asked me _____

5. "How is your mother?"

She asked me _____