

DIRECT & INDIRECT NARRATION

Direct speech means reporting the message of the speaker in exact words as spoken by him.

example: She said, "I am busy now."

(The part of the sentence outside the inverted commas is called **reporting speech** and its verb is called **reporting verb**. The part of the sentence inside the inverted commas is called **reported speech** and its verb is called **reported verb**.)

Indirect speech means reporting the message of the speaker in our own words without changing its meaning.

example: She said that she was busy then.

CHANGES FROM DIRECT TO INDIRECT

1. Remove inverted commas and use 'that'.
2. Change the pronoun.
3. Change the adverb.
4. Remove exclamation mark and question mark and use full stop.
5. Change the reporting verb in case of imperative sentences.
6. Change the reporting verb into 'exclaimed with joy, sorrow, etc.' when there is exclamation mark in the sentence.
7. Change the reporting verb into 'wished or prayed' in case of optative sentences (prayers/ wishes).
8. Change the tense of reported speech only if the reporting verb is in past tense.

Change in tense of reported speech (inside the inverted commas)

1. Simple Present – simple past
2. Present continuous – past continuous
3. Present perfect – past perfect
4. Present perfect continuous – past perfect continuous
5. Simple past – past perfect
6. Past continuous – past perfect continuous
7. Past perfect – X
8. Past perfect continuous – X
9. Future tense – change shall into should, will into would
10. May - might
11. Can - could
12. Might – might have been
13. must – had to

Changes in adverbs

- Now **becomes** then
- Here **becomes** there
- Ago **becomes** before
- Thus **becomes** so
- Today **becomes** that day
- Tomorrow **becomes** the next day
- This **becomes** that
- Yesterday **becomes** the day before
- These **become** those
- Come **becomes** go
- Hence **becomes** thence
- Next week Or month **becomes** following week/month

Changes of pronouns

Direct Speech	Indirect/Reported Speech
<p>I you we me you us</p>	<p><i>he, she</i> <i>I, she, he, we, they</i> <i>they</i> <i>him, her</i> <i>him, her, us, them</i> <i>them</i></p>
<p>my your our mine yours ours</p>	<p><i>his, her</i> <i>my, his, her, our, their</i> <i>their</i> <i>his, hers</i> <i>mine, his, hers, ours, theirs</i> <i>theirs</i></p>



He said, “I am going to college”.
He said that he was going to college.

He says, “I am going to college”.
He says that he is going to college.

He will say, “I am going to college”.
He will say that he is going to college.

He said, “Do you know Rahul?”

He asked if/whether I knew Rahul.

He said, “When do you go for a walk?”

He asked me when I went for a walk.

He said, “Wow! Such a beautiful painting”.

He exclaimed with joy that it was a beautiful painting.

He said, “May you be happy.”

He wished me a happy life.

LET'S PRACTISE!!

1. You said, “We are learning our lesson.”

- a) You said that we were learning our lesson.**
- b) You said that we have been learning our lesson.**
- c) You said that we had been learning our lesson.**
- d) You said that they were learning their lesson.**

2. He said to me, “You have made a mistake.”

- a) He told to me that I had made a mistake.**
- b) He told me that you have have a mistake.**
- c) He told me that I have made a mistake.**
- d) He told me that I had made a mistake.**

3. The dying man said, “My sons, I am leaving you a treasure buried in the fields.”

- a) The dying man told his sons that he was leaving them a treasure buried in the fields.**
- b) The dying man told his sons that he were leaving them a treasure buried in the fields.**
- c) The dying man told his sons that he had been leaving them a treasure buried in the fields.**
- d) The dying man told his sons that I was leaving them a treasure buried in the fields.**

4. She said, “I went to Pune a week ago.”

a) She said that she went to Pune a week ago.

b) She said that she had gone to Pune a week ago.

c) She said that she had gone to Pune a week before.

d) She said that she went to Pune a week before.