

DIRECT & INDIRECT NARRATION

Imperative Sentence Change Into Indirect Speech

As imperative sentences have a command (or an order), a request, an advice or a suggestion, to change them into Indirect Speech, some specific verbs (i.e. requested, order, advised, forbade, suggested) replace the verbs (e.g. said, told) of reporting verb.

Examples:

She said to me, “please help me.”

She **requested** me to help her.

Teacher said to him, “do not waste your time.”

Teacher **advised** him not to waste his time.

The boss said to the employee, “get out of the room.”

The boss **ordered** the employee to get out of the room.

LET'S PRACTISE!!

1. She said, “India became free in 1947.”

Ans. She said that India became free in 1947.

2. She said to me, “Let us go for a walk.”

Ans. He proposed me that we should go for a walk.

3. He said, “Mohan could solve the sum.”

Ans. He said that Mohan could solve the sum.

4. She said, “I do not care for him.”

Ans. She said that she did not care for him.

5. The Prime Minister said, “National Integrity will be preserved at all costs.”

Ans. The Prime Minister declared that national integrity would be preserved at all costs.

6. He said to his parents, “I have done my best and can do no more.”

Ans. He told his parents that he had done his best and could do no more.

7. He said to his friend, “Will you lend me fifty rupees?”

Ans. He asked his friend if he would lend him fifty rupees.

8. “My advice”, said our madam, “Is that you should go home now.”

Ans. Our madam advised us to go home then.

9. The assistant said, “Sir, give me the list of the dealers.”

Ans. The assistant requested him to give (him) the list of the dealers.

10. The girl shouted, “What a funny man you are!”

Ans. The girl exclaimed that I was a funny man.

11. “Good morning, sir,” said Shyam to his teacher.

Ans. Shyam respectfully wished his teacher good morning.

12. Manish said, “I may go to Delhi tomorrow.”

Ans. Manish said that he might go to Delhi the next week.

13. “May you live long my son” said my mother.

Ans. My mother wished me that I might live long.

14. The teacher said to the girls, “Keep away from the wall.”

Ans. The teacher instructed the girls to keep away from the wall.

15. “Thank you child for showing me the way to the hospital”, said the old lady.

Ans. The old lady thanked the child for showing her the way to the hospital.

16. He said to me, “I will go to Mumbai tomorrow.”

Ans. He told me that he would go to Mumbai the next day.

17. He said, “What a pitiful scene!”

Ans. He exclaimed that it was a pitiful scene.

18. She said, “Alas! I have failed.”

Ans. She bemoaned/exclaimed with sorrow that she had failed.

19. “We’ll wait for you if you if you’re late,” they said.

Ans. They told me that they would wait for me if I was late.

20. I said to the visitor, “Do not sit on that chair, it is broken.”

Ans. I cautioned the visitor against sitting on that chair as it was broken.