

English Grammar Class 10

Direct and Indirect speech

In this lesson, We will learn various topics related to direct and indirect speech. Writers can utilise either direct speech or indirect speech when discussing phrases or sentences that a source has spoken. Indirect speech is used to report on what someone else has said, whereas direct speech is used to repeat what someone else has stated. In order to appropriately use the direct and indirect rules, let's comprehend them with examples for all tenses.



Image: introduction to direct and indirect speech

What are Direct & Indirect Speech?

Direct speech reports the communication of the speaker in the exact words as spoken by him.

Direct speech example

Maya said ‘ I'm busy now ’.

Indirect Speech is reporting the speaker's communication in our terms

Indirect speech example

Maya said that she is busy now.



Image: Example of direct and indirect speech

Rules of changing direct speech into indirect speech

General rules

- originally commas(,) and citation marks(“ ”) are removed.
- Reporting verb is changed.
- Confluence is used according to different kinds of rulings i.e. assertive, interrogative, etc.
- A pronoun is changed according to the moderator and hearer.
- The verb is changed harmonizing to the rule of the sequence of tenses(Tenses are remodelled).

Rules for the Change of Pronouns

- The first person pronouns like I, me, my, we, us, our, etc. in the reported speech change according to the subject of the reporting verb.
- The second person pronouns like you, your, yourself, etc. in the reported speech change according to the object of the reporting verb.

- The pronouns of the third person don't change.

Examples

Direct: Jon said, “ I saw a king in the timber. ”

Indirect: Jon said that he'd seen a king in the timber.

Direct: I said to my friend, “He is working hard”.

Indirect: I told my friend that he is working hard.

Direct: My friend said, “I shall go to Delhi tomorrow. ”

Indirect: My friend told me that he'd go to Delhi the coming day.



Image: Representation of direct and indirect speech

Representation of direct and Indirect speech:

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
“What time is the meeting?” Tom asked.	Tom asked what time the meeting was.

Abdul replied, "It's at 1 o'clock."	Abdul said that the meeting was at 1 o'clock.
Sue asked Pat, "What did you do on Sunday? "	Sue asked Pat what she had done on Sunday.
" I visited my family," Pat answered.	Pat answered that she had visited her family.

General Steps to Structure the Sentence When Converting The Sentences

1. First, note the reporting verb that is employed to establish the tense of the indirect speech.
2. Adjust the time and place to correspond to the speaker's actual location.
3. Use the appropriate pronoun for both the subject and the object in this step three.
4. Verify the sentence's wording and sentence structure.

Difficult Word Meanings

Words	Meanings
communication	routine of sharing or swapping information, ideas, or passions
Confluence	how two or further effects come together to come into one single thing
harmonizing	(applied about two or further effects) to produce an affable effect when seen, heard, etc. together
sequence	several effects(conduct, events, etc.) that be or come one after another

remodelled	change the edifice or form of commodity.
corresponding	affiliated or analogous to commodity

Summary

In the article we have discussed the idea of direct and indirect speech. You'll need to use direct and indirect speech frequently when using English, so be sure you know how to do both and can do them effectively. Direct Speech doesn't always properly represent what has been stated. You can quote from other texts similarly by using inverted commas before and after the quotation. Consider using a verb like "to construct," "to state," or "to define" rather than the word "to tell." You can use several verbs to describe what is being reported.

Practice Questions

Convert the given direct speech into indirect speech.

1. The teacher "Honesty is the best policy."
2. Seeta said, "I am an early riser."
3. He said, "The First World War started in 1914."
4. She said, "The sun rises in the east."
5. He said, " I want to go home".

Identify whether the given speech is direct or indirect.

1. She said, " I don't want to live here anymore".
2. Rajan said that he had seen a lion in the forest.
3. He said, "I can do this work very easily."
4. The student told the teacher that he was sorry that he didn't complete his homework.
5. I said, "I agree with what he said."

Answers

Convert the given direct speech into indirect speech.

1. The teacher said that honesty is the best policy.
2. Seeta said that she is an early riser.
3. He informed that the First World War started in 1914.
4. She said that the sun rises in the east.
5. He said he wants to go home.

Identify whether the given speech is direct or indirect.

1. Direct Speech
2. Indirect Speech
3. Direct Speech
4. Indirect Speech
5. Direct Speech