

DIRECT-INDIRECT SPEECH

Direct Speech

* In direct speech we reproduce the actual words of the speaker.

* The words of the speaker are put within inverted commas " "

Indirect Speech

* In indirect speech we do not reproduce the actual words of the speaker.

* No inverted commas are used in indirect speech.

Eg



Raja

Said to "I have a pen"



Anitha

Raja said to Anitha, "I have a pen." [Direct]



Vidhya

Raja told Anitha that he had a pen. [Indirect]

Babu said to Kannan, "I am writing a letter."

Speaker

Listener

Reporting Verb

Pronoun

Reported Verb

Direct to Indirect Rules

Eg Jamizharasi ^② said to Dhivya, ^③ ^④ "I ^⑤ am ^⑥ in the house ^⑦ now" ^⑧

- ⇒ Identify what kind of sentence is this.
- ⇒ Change the reporting verb.
- ⇒ All inverted commas or quotation marks are omitted.
- ⇒ We have to write conjunction.
- ⇒ Change the pronoun.
- ⇒ Change the tense
- ⇒ Change the adverbial

Eg Jamizharasi told Dhivya that she was in the house then.

Usage Of Reported Verb and Conjunction

Sentence	Reporting Verb		Conjunction
	Direct	Indirect	
Assertive	say says said say to says to said to	say says said tell tells told	that
Interrogative	said / said to asked	asked	Wh → same word Yes/No → if / whether
Imperative	said / said to	ordered, requested advised, suggested commanded, warned	to Don't → not to
Exclamatory	said / said to Hurrah! Alas! Damn it! Thank you Sorry	exclaimed exclaimed joyfully exclaimed sorrowfully exclaimed angrily thanked apologised	that

Adverbial Change

ago

this

here

these

thus

today

tonight

tomorrow

yesterday

last week

last month

last year

next week

next month

next year

before

that

there

those

so

that day

that night

the next day

the day before

the previous week

the previous month

the previous year

the following week

the following month

the following year

Different form of Pronoun

Person	Number	Subjective	Passessive	Objective
I	Singular	I	My	me
	Plural	We	Ours	us
II	Singular	You	Yours	you
	Plural	You	Yours	you
III	Singular	He, She, It	His, Her, its	him, her, it
	Plural	They	Their	them

Change of Pronouns of First Person [I, my, me, we, our, us] in R.S
are change according to subject of R.V

Reported Speech [First Person of Pronoun]

subject R.V	I	My	Me	subject of R.V	We	Our	Us
I	I	me	me	We	we	our	us
You	You	you	you	You	you	your	you
He	he	his	him	They	they	their	them
she	she	her	her				

Pronouns of the second Person [You, Your] existing in Reported Speech
are change according to object of Reporting Verb.

Reported Speech [Second Person]

object of R.V	You (Sub)	Your	You (Obj)
me	I	my	me
you	you	your	you
him	he	his	him
her	she	her	her
us	we	our	us
them	they	their	them

Tense Change

Direct Speech

Indirect Speech

Simple Present

$V_1 + s/es$

V_2

Present Continuous

is/am/are + $V_1 + ing$

was/were + $V_1 + ing$

Present Perfect

have/has + V_3

had + V_3

Past Per Cont

have/has + been + $V_1 + ing$

had been + $V_1 + ing$

Simple Past

V_2

had + V_3

Past Continuous

was/were + $V_1 + ing$

had been + $V_1 + ing$

Past Perfect

had + V_3

No change

Past Per Con

had been + $V_1 + ing$

No change

Modals

can/shall/may

could/should/might

will

would.

must

had to

Declarative Sentence

⇒ If the reporting verb is in Simple Present or future tense, the tenses don't get changed, while converting direct into indirect.

Ex⁹
1 She says to me, "I am a teacher."
She says me that she is a teacher.

Conjunction

that

2 Mohammed says, "I am eating an apple."
Mohammed says that he is eating an apple.

⇒ If the reported verb is Universal truth, a habit, proverb, constant situation, the tense don't get changed, while converting direct into indirect.

3 The teacher said, "The sun rises in the east."
The teacher said that the sun rises in the east.

4 My friend said to me, "Honesty is the best policy."
My friend told me that honesty is the best policy.

5 She said, "I am happy."
She said that she was happy.

6 "I am playing the guitar," she said.
She said that she was playing the guitar.

7 He said, "Praveen arrived on Sunday".
He said that Praveen had arrived on Sunday.

8 They said to me, "We were playing basketball".
They told me that they had been playing basketball.

9 Priya said, "I have been living in this city for ten years".
Priya said that she had been living in that city for ten years.

10 He said, "Her parents will pay a visit to Delhi".
He said that her parents would pay a visit to Delhi.

Interrogative Sentence

11 Keerthi said to him, "What are you eating?"
Keerthi asked him what he was eating.

12 He says, "Where is the gate?"
He asks where the gate is.

13 She said, "When is she leaving?"
She ^{asked} said when she was leaving.

14 Ravi said, "Who broke the glass?"
Ravi asked who had broken the glass.

15 He said to me, "What do you want?"
He asked me what I wanted.

main verb
DO + V₁ = [↑] MV₁ → MV₂
DO + like → like
↓
liked

16 The teacher said to Peter, "Why did you not come to school yesterday?"

The teacher asked Peter why he had not come to school the previous day.

HV + S + MV + O

→ S + H.V + M.V + O

- 17 He said, "Is he going to America?"
He ^{asked} said if he was going to America

- 18 Prem said to Preethi, "Are you mad?"
Prem asked Preethi if she was mad.

Wh- type
Same In both

- 19 Hema said to Kavitha, "Can you help me?"
Hema asked Kavitha if she could help her.

- 20 He said, "Do you speak English?"
He asked if I spoke English.

Conjunction
if/whether
Yes/No type

- 21 Raju said to me, "Did you lend me your book?"
Raju asked me if I had lent him my book.

- 22 She said to me, "Have you purchased all of these?"
She asked me if I had purchased all of these.

- 23 Ramesh said to his ^{friend} father, "Don't you go to college on rainy day?"
Ramesh asked his friend if he did not go to college on.
rainy day.

Imperative Sentence

24 Doctor said to me, "Take rest for a few days".
Doctor advised me to take rest for a few days.

25 The judge said, "Call the witness".
The judge ordered to call the witness.

Conjunction
to

26 He said to his wife, "Please select one of these necklaces".
He requested his wife to select one of those necklaces.

27 The boss said to the employee, "Get out of the room".
The boss ordered the employee to get out of the room.

28 The teacher said to us, "Learn your lesson carefully".
The teacher advised us to learn our lesson carefully.

29 Nisha said to Archana, "Bring me a cup of tea".
Nisha requested Archana to bring her a cup of tea.

30 Ali said to me, "Don't waste time."
Ali instructed me not to waste time

Don't → not to

31 My father said to me, "Don't play game on computer."
My father ordered me not to play game on computer.

32 Mohan said to me, "Do not drive fast."
Mohan forbade me ^{not} to drive fast.

If the reported speech begins with the word 'May',
we change the reporting verb into prayed / blessed / wished

33 They said, "May the police arrest the thieves."
They prayed that police might arrest the thieves.
May + Sub + V_i → Sub + might + V_i

34 My mother said to me, "May God bless you."
My mother ~~pr~~ blessed me that God might bless me.

Conjunction
that

- ⇒ If in the reported speech starts with **Let's, Let us**
- ⇒ said / said to / told ⇒ Proposed / suggested
- ⇒ said / said to / told + Object ⇒ Proposed to / suggested to
- ⇒ Conjunction ⇒ that

⇒ Reporting Verb → Sub Obj
 III Person III Person → they
 I, we III Person we
 III Per me/us they

35 I said, "Let us play badminton."

I suggested that we should play badminton.

36 He said, "Let us go out for a walk."

He proposed that they should go out for a walk."

37 The players said to the coach, "Let us practice hard."

The players proposed to the coach that they should practice ^{hard.}

38 The king said to the soldiers, "Let us attack the enemy."

The king suggested to the soldiers that we should attack enemy.

Exclamatory Sentence

- 39 She said to us, "Bravo! We have won the match."
She exclaimed with applause that they had won the match.
- 40 Kapil said, "Hurrah!, I won a prize."
Kapil exclaimed with joy that he had won a prize.
- 41 Nandhini said, "Wow, What a shirt it is!"
Nandhini exclaimed with surprise that it was very beautiful ^{shirt}.
- 42 He said, "Alas! I am undone."
He exclaimed sadly that he was undone.
- 43 She said, "Oh! What a lovely dress!"
She exclaimed with joyfully that it was a lovely dress.



Exercise

1. Krish says, "I am enjoying my holiday."
Krish says that he is enjoying his holiday.
2. Kavi says, "I will never go to work."
Kavi says that she will never go to work.
3. Balu said, "Asia is the largest continent."
Balu said that Asia is the largest continent.
4. Alisha said, "People in Africa are starving."
Alisha said that people in Africa are starving.
5. Shalini said, "I might come."
Shalini said that she might come.
6. Vinoth said, "I would try it."
Vinoth said that he would try it.
7. Chitti said, "I would rather fly."
Chitti said that he would rather fly.

8 Where are we going sir?" asked the aero-coachman.
The aero-coachman asked the gentleman where they were going.

9 "He is very ill", I answered.
I answered that he was very ill.

10 Srivatsar said, "I have been waiting for my friend in the park."
Srivatsar said that he had been waiting for his friend in the park.

12 Johnson asked Suganthi, "What are you doing here?"
Johnson asked Suganthi what she was doing there.

13 Suganthi said, "I haven't seen you since June".
Suganthi said that she had not seen me since June.

14 Johnson: "Did you enjoy it?"
Suganthi: "I love Ooty. And the people were so friendly".
Johnson wondered if she had enjoyed it,
Suganthi told him that she loved Ooty and added
that the people had been so friendly.

15 Anbu said to the girl, "Will you come to the function?"
Anbu asked the girl if she would come to the function.

16 She says, 'I want to go to Paris'.
She says that she wants to go to Paris.

17 Seema said to Ravi, "Let us go to the market."
Seema proposed to Ravi that they should go to the market.

18 He said, "Face is the index of mind."
He said that face is the index of mind.

19 He said to us, "Has she been spinning since yesterday?"
He asked us if she had been spinning since the previous day.

20 He said to me, "Whom does she want to contact?"
He asked me whom she wanted to contact.

21 "What a pity!" said the woman.
He ~~exp~~ exclaimed that it was a great pity.

22 Karan said to me, "Good morning, I am happy to you?"
Karan wished me good morning and said that

23 He said, "Alas! I failed the exam."
He exclaimed with sorrow that he had failed the exam.

24 Madhu said to Sharmi, "Let us watch a movie."
Madhu proposed to Sharmi that they should watch a movie.