

English Grammar – 8

Chapter 20 - Worksheet: Direct and Indirect Speech

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

1. The exact words spoken by a person are called _____ speech.
2. The reporting of what someone said without using exact words is called _____ speech.
3. In indirect speech, pronouns usually change according to the _____.
4. Reporting verbs like said to are changed into _____ in indirect speech.
5. In indirect speech, present tense verbs usually change into _____ tense.

Section 2: MCQs

1. Which of the following is in direct speech?

- a) He said that he was tired.
- b) He said, "I am tired."
- c) He told me that he is tired.
- d) He asked me if I was tired.

2. “She said, ‘I like music.’” — Indirect speech:

- a) She said that she liked music.
- b) She said she likes music.
- c) She told that she liked music.
- d) She says she likes music.

3. Which is the correct indirect speech?

Direct: He said, “I am reading.”

- a) He said he is reading.
- b) He said that he was reading.
- c) He says that he was reading.
- d) He told that he is reading.

4. “He said to me, ‘Do you play football?’” — Indirect:

- a) He asked me if I played football.
- b) He asked me do I play football.
- c) He said me if I played football.
- d) He asked that I play football.

5. Which reporting verb is used for questions?

- a) ordered
- b) asked

c) exclaimed

d) wished

Section 3: True / False

1. Direct speech uses quotation marks. _____
2. In indirect speech, the tense always remains the same. _____
3. Reporting verbs may change in indirect speech. _____
4. In indirect speech, 'today' becomes 'that day'. _____
5. Direct and indirect speech convey different meanings. _____

Section 4: Define / Explain

1. Define direct speech with an example.
2. Define indirect speech with an example.
3. Explain the changes in tense when converting to indirect speech.
4. Explain how pronouns change in indirect speech.

Section 5: Rewrite / Transform Sentences

1. Convert to indirect speech:
 - a) She said, "I am happy."
 - b) He said, "We will go tomorrow."
 - c) They said, "She is writing a letter."

2. Convert to direct speech:

- a) He said that he was hungry.
- b) She told me that she had finished the work.

3. Convert questions:

- a) He said to her, "Are you coming?"
- b) She said to me, "Do you know the way?"

4. Convert exclamatory sentences:

- a) He said, "What a beautiful sight!"
- b) She said, "How sad the news is!"

Section 6: Application-Based Exercises

1. Fill in the blanks:

- a) He said, "I live here." → He said that he lived _____.
- b) She said, "I will help you." → She said that she _____ help me.
- c) Rahul said, "I saw him yesterday." → Rahul said that he had seen him _____.

2. Identify whether the sentence is direct or indirect:

- a) She said that she was tired.
- b) He said, "I am fine."

3. Convert:

a) The teacher said, "Be quiet!"

b) Mother said to me, "Finish your homework."

4. Write a short paragraph using both direct and indirect speech.