

Class IX (2023-24)

Subject: English

Direct Speech refers to the actual words spoken by a speaker.

E.g: She said, "I went to the market yesterday."

Reported/Indirect Speech refers to a sentence reporting what someone has said.

E.g: She said that she had gone to the market the previous day.

Change in Tenses

- ❖ Simple Present becomes Simple Past
- ❖ Present Continuous becomes Past Continuous
- ❖ Present Perfect becomes Past Perfect
- ❖ Simple Past becomes Past Perfect
- ❖ Past Continuous becomes Past Perfect Continuous
- ❖ Past Perfect remains the same
- ❖ Past Perfect Continuous remains the same

Change in Time Expression

today becomes that day
 tonight becomes that night
 tomorrow becomes the next day
 yesterday becomes the previous day/the day before
 now becomes then
 next week/month/year becomes the following week/month year
 last week/month/year becomes the previous week/month/year

Reporting Verbs

said, told (someone), admitted, proclaimed, explained, revealed, mentioned

highlighted, emphasized, asked, inquired/enquired, wanted to know, interrogated, questioned

Ordered, demanded, requested, shouted, warned, insisted, exclaimed

Change in references and Modals

this becomes that
 these becomes those
 here becomes there
 will becomes would
 shall becomes should
 can becomes could
 may becomes might

Interrogatives

- 1.While reporting interrogatives do not add that
- 2.Use a full stop (.) instead of a question mark (?)
- 3.Reporting verbs such as say or tell (he said, she told) in indirect speech will be replaced by ask, enquire, question
- 4.Question words like what, where, how, why, when to be retained while changing into reported speech
 Subject to be used before the verb
 E.g: She said, "What are you doing."
 She asked what I was doing.
- 5.Report Yes/No type questions like did, do, are, were, does etc. by using If or Whether.
 E.g- David said to me, "Do you like coffee?"
 David asked me if/whether I liked coffee.

Exceptions

If the reported speech states a universal truth, then the tense of the verb in reported speech will not be changed.

The teacher said, "Honesty is the best policy"

The teacher said that honesty is the best policy.

If the reporting verb is in present, future or present perfect tense, then the tense of the verb in reported speech will not change

Examples:

He says, "I am hungry."

He says that he is hungry

She will say, "I don't want to go to the movie."

She will say that she does not want to go to the movie.

He has said, "I know a lot about sharks."

He has said that he knows a lot about sharks.

COMMANDS

- 1.The librarian said, "Keep quiet."
The librarian ordered the students to keep quiet.
- 2.Rohan's mother said, "Please shut the door."
Rohan's mother requested him to shut the door.
- 3.He said, "Don't lie to me."
He told me not to lie to him.
- 4.He said, "Turn the music down! I'm trying to go to sleep."
He ordered me to turn the music down as he was trying to sleep.

Change the following Assertive sentences into indirect speech, you may use the box given above to verify the rules:

1. Ram says, "The sun is setting in the west."
2. Mohit will be saying, "The servant has finished the work."
3. Sita said to me, "I shall write a letter to your father."
4. Hari said, "The horses are running very fast in the field."
5. The father said, "My daughter has passed the examination."
6. The mother said, "The girls were playing with their dolls."
7. The teacher said, "Premchand wrote many novels and stories."
8. The sister said to his brother, "You must take some exercises daily."
9. She said, "God helps those who help themselves."
10. Vivek said, "My brother will have been learning his lesson for two hours."

Change the following sentences into Indirect Speech.

1. "Are there any more files?" He asked.
2. The teacher said to Rena, "Did you break the window pane?"
3. "If you find my answers satisfactory, will you give me five rupees?" said the astrologer.
4. I said to him, "Do you want to go to Delhi?"
5. Rahul said to me, "Does Mohit still play?"
6. Malik said to her, "Has Sara invited you to dinner?"
7. I said to her, "Did you enjoy the film?"
8. Sachin said, "Sonam, do you see what I see?"
9. He said, "Do you not like it?"
10. She said to me, "Shall we ever see each other again?"

Change the following sentences into indirect speech:

1. The officer said to his clerk, "Read the letter carefully lest it should have some mistake."
2. The teacher said, "Please behave like a good student"
3. My mother said, "Do not laugh at the lame man."
4. He said to his servant, "Get out and don't let me see your face again."
5. "If you want success, don't get lazy," said he.
6. The doctor said, "Stop smoking now as it has got dangerous for you.
7. I said to him, "Love and obey your parents."
8. The teacher said to the students, "Work hard."
9. Mahesh said to me , "please lend me your pen."
10. The doctor said to the patient, "Quit smoking."

