

7-Direct and Indirect speech

Direct speech refers to the words of the speaker. Indirect speech refers to the same meanings of the speaker's words but with different forms.

7-1-Changes:

7-1-1-Form:

Omit the commas and the inverted commas („ /")

7-1-2-Pronouns

I	he or she
we	they
you	I
me	him or her
my	His or her
our	their
us	them

7-1-3-Other changes

this	that
these	those
here	there
now	then
today	that day
tonight	that night
tomorrow	the next day
yesterday	the day before
ago	before
last	before
next	the following

7-1-4-Tenses:

If the verb of saying is in past(e.g.said),we make the following changes:

7-1-4-1-Present simple tense (S+V(S)+Com)→ Past Simple tense(S+V(ed)+Com)

Example:

-He said,"I go to visit my uncle today."

-He said that he went to visit his uncle that day.

7-1-4-2-Present continuous tense(S+is or are+V+ing) → Past continuous tense(S+was or were +V+ing)

Example:

-Layla said ,"I am studying English well."

-Layla said that she was studying English well.

7-1-4-3-Present perfect tense(S+has or have +P.P(V+en) → Past perfect tense(S+had +P.P)

Example:

-Huda said to him ,"I have played football."

-Huda told him that she had played football.

7-1-4-4-Past simple (S+V(ed) → Past perfect tense(S+had+P.P)

Example:

-I said,"I went to the cinema yesterday."

-He said that he had gone to the cinema the day before.

5-Present future tense(will,shall) → Past future tense(would,should)

Example:

-She said,"I shall see her in London."

-She said that she would see her in London.

Note:

If the verb of saying is in the present tense (e.g.say,says),we never make the changes of tenses.

Example:

-He says,"I go to the market"

-He says that he goes to the market.

7-2-Types

It is of three types:

7-2-1-Statement

In this type, the verb of saying is changed to the following:

Say → say that

Say to → tell

Besides we make the above changes.

Example:

-He says, "I am here."

-He says that he is there.

*We make the changes of tense if the verb of saying is in past.

Example:

-Layla said, "I live in this house."

-Layla said that she lived in that house.

7-2-2-Question

In indirect question, the following changes are done:

7-2-2-1-Say→ask

7-2-2-2-With WH-questions (**when, where, who, etc.**), no joining linkers are used.

Example:

-He said to me, "Where do you live?"

-He asked me where I lived.

7-2-2-3-With the interrogatives questions (**is, are, was, were, do, does, did**), the joining linker (if) is used instead of them.

Note: We omit the auxiliary verbs *do, does* and *did* and put *if* instead of them

Example:

-I said to him, "Does your father work in this factory?"

-I asked him if his father worked in that factory.

Note: We change the auxiliary verbs *is, are, has, have* into past *was, were, had* and put *if* in front of a reported statement :

Example:

The doctor said to me, "Are you okay today?"

The doctor asked me if I was okay that day.

7-2-3-Command

In indirect command, we make the following changes:

7-2-3-1-Change the verb of saying into the following:

(a)-Say or say to → tell(between friends).

(b)-Say or say to → ask(from lower class into upper class,e.g.the student into the professor).

(c)-Say or say to → order(the officer into the soldiers).

Example:

-The officer said to the soldiers, "Carry your guns at once."

-The officer ordered the soldiers to carry their guns at once.

7-2-3-2-Omit the word ***please*** and put ***to*** in front of the verb of order,e.g.***go a way***→ ***to go a ways***

Examples:

(a)-He said to his father, "Please let me go to the cinema tonight."

-He asked his father to let him go to the cinema that night.

(b)-I said, "Hurry up, Yousif."

-I told Yousif to hurry up.

7-2-3-3-In negative ,we put **not** in front of **to** and omit the auxiliary **do,does,did**.

Example:

-My father said to me,"Do not go away."

-My father told me to not go away.

Exercise 6

Change the following into indirect speech:

1-He said,"Was the train full? "

2-The old man said,"I am here for a rest ."

3-He said,"Where are you going,Nada?"

4-Nabeel said to me,"I saw your mother at party last night."

5-The mother said to me,"Do not do it again."

6-I said to my friend, "Copy the lecture."

7-The students said,"We do not understand the question."

8-The doctor said to the sick man,"How are you today?"

9-I said to him,"Clean it yourself."

10-He said to me,"Whose pen is this?"