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DIRECT SPEECH TO INDIRECT SPEECH

The words used by a speaker is always enclosed in inverted commas, or quotation marks (“...”).

Example:



“It is raining now.” said the girl.

The words spoken by the girl is in quotation marks (“...”).

You can also change direct speech to indirect speech.

Example: The said that it was raining then.

With direct speech there are a number of changes:

1. **Verbs.** Present tense change to past tense, present continuous tense change to past continuous tense and present perfect tense to past perfect tense.
2. **Personal pronouns.** The pronoun “I” change to he or she; me to him or her; my to his or her; you to him or her, he or she, me; your to his or her, their or mine; us to them; our to their and we to they.
3. **Words.** Some words such as here change to there; this to that, and these to those.
4. **Time.** The time will change from tomorrow to the next day or the following day; yesterday to the previous day or the day before; now to then; today to that day; last night to the previous night; last week to the week before; and next week to the following week.

The quotation marks are always dropped in the indirect speech.

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LET'S LOOK AT SOME EXAMPLES.



Direct Speech:

The children said, "We are happy."

Indirect Speech:

The children said that they were happy.

Direct speech:

"I will see you tomorrow," shouted the man.

Indirect Speech:

The man shouted that he would see him the next day.



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Direct Speech:

The girl said, "I drew this sun."

Indirect Speech:

The girl said that she had drawn that sun.

Time to practice

Change these sentences to indirect speech or reported speech. Complete the sentences. Type the rest of the sentence in the space provided.

"I want to go," said Mark.

Mark said that he

"This trip is too long," said Molly.

Molly said that the

My mother said, "My dress is expensive."

My mother said that

"I am scared of the darkness," said the boy.

The boy said that

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Change these sentences to direct speech. Complete the sentences. Type the rest of the sentence in the space provided.

The boy said that he was tired.

The boy said, “I

Rebecca said that her car was dirty.

Rebecca said, “

Uncle Sam announced that he was going to the beach.

Uncle Sam announced, “

Donald said that he will begin the job tomorrow.

Donald said, “

Soraya said that she will not be able to go with you.

Soraya said, “

Duanne said that she thought the certificate was free.

Duanne said, “
