

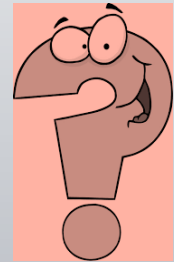
Grade 10 (Unit 12)

INDIRECT SPEECH

[REPORTED SPEECH]

Indirect speech= *reported speech*

Let's see what happens in this “Indirect Speech”?



We say something; what some person has said to us **to another person.**

→ Here, we **do not use** the exact [*same*] words the person used.

Have a look at these 2 incidents



1



Neshadi

1st incident

2



2nd incident

Let's see how it happens



**Direct
speech**

Neshadi said, "I am sleepy"

Simple present



Simple past

**Indirect
speech**

Neshadi said that she was sleepy



The conjunction "that" should be added before the action/ incident

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Note these changes

I → she/ he

we → they

you → I

they → they

he → he

she → she

it → it

Senul → Senul (or he)



You can use either the name or he/she

Let's see another example



Anup said, “I will study hard to pass this exam”



Anup said that he would study hard to pass that exam.

Note that,

will → *would*

this → *that*

Have a look at these sentences

Direct speech → Reported speech

1. My friends said, “**We** study hard for the examination”.
→ My friends said *that* **they** studied hard for the examination.

2. “**I will** leave the money on the table”, my father promised.
→ My father promised *that* **he would** leave the money on the table.

EXERCISE- 01

✗ Find the **correct** sentence written in indirect speech.

1. He said, “My brother wears a cap”.

- a) He said that my brother wears a cap.
- b) He said that his bother wore a cap then.
- c) He said that his brother wore a cap.

2. The manager said, “You should be punctual”.

- a) The manager said that I should be punctual.
- b) The manager said that he should be punctual.
- c) The manager says that I should be punctual.

3. My elder brother said, “I will go to Russia”.

- a) My elder brother said that I will go to Russia.
- b) My elder brother said that he would go to Russia.
- c) My elder brother said that I would go to Russia.

4. The interviewer said, “We will select you for the job”.

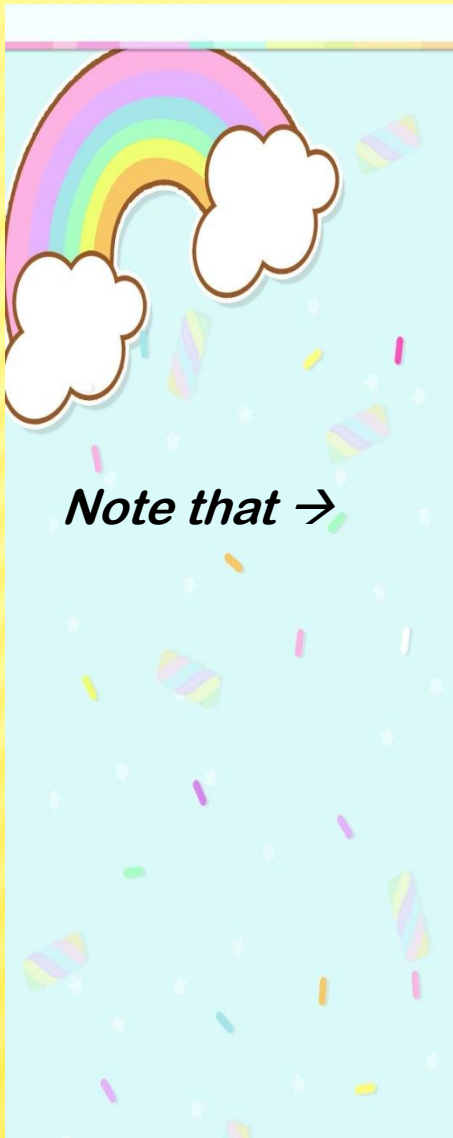
- a) The interviewer said that they would select me for the job.
- b) The interviewer said that they would select you for the job.
- c) The interviewer said that we would select me for the job.

5. My teacher said, “You are a brilliant student”.

- a) My teacher said that I am a brilliant student.
- b) My teacher said that I was a brilliant student.
- c) My teacher said that you were a brilliant student.

6. The thief cried and said, “I will never steal again”.

- a) The thief cried and said that I would never steal again.
- b) The thief cried and said that he will never steal again.
- c) The thief cried and said that he would never steal again.



Direct speech	Indirect speech
will →	<i>would</i>
can →	<i>could</i>
shall →	<i>should</i>
have/has →	<i>had</i>
this →	<i>that</i>
now →	<i>then</i>
these→	<i>those</i>
here→	<i>there</i>
today→	<i>that day</i>
yesterday→	<i>the previous day/ the day before</i>
tomorrow→	<i>the following day/the next day</i>
next week/month/year→	<i>the following week/month/year</i>
last week/month/year→	<i>the previous week/month/year</i>

Now look at these examples

Direct speech → Indirect speech

1. My mother told me, “**I will** turn the light off **now**”.
→ My mother told me that **she would** turn the light off **then**.
2. Our guide warned us, “**You** have to be careful with **these** harmful insects”
→ Our guide warned us that **we** had to be careful with **those** harmful insects.

EXERCISE- 02

✖ Turn these sentences to indirect speech.

1. The gate keeper said, “You’re too early today”.
2. The class teacher said, “I shall check the workbooks tomorrow”.
3. My friend told me, “I can eat a bar of chocolate now”.
4. Uncle Ranil said, “My wife lives in Japan”.
5. “ I will finish the report now”, he said.

Pay attention to these possessive adjectives



My → her/his
me → him/her
Our → their
Your → my
Their → their
her → her
His → his...etc

Example:

Rashini: “I like my brown shoes”

Rashini said that she liked her brown shoes.

Some more examples,

1. Nithin said, “**I** **will go** to see **my** grandmother next week”.
 - Nithin said that **he would go** to see **his** grandmother the following week.
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2. My teacher advised, “**You have to pay** more attention to **your** studies”.
 - My teacher advised that **I had to pay** more attention to **my** studies.

EXERCISE- 03

✗ Turn these sentences into reported speech.

1. “I will finish my homework soon”, my sister promised.
2. The cashier said, “We can’t accept card payments today”.
3. My mother angrily said, “I will phone your class teacher soon”.
4. My friend said, “My sister plays chess well”.
5. “I have to submit my assignment tomorrow”, she said.

ANSWERS

✖ Exercise 01:

1. c)

2. a)

3. b)

4. a)

5. b)

6. c)

ANSWERS

✖ Exercise 02:

1. The gate keeper said that I was too early that day.
2. The class teacher said that she should check the workbooks the following day.
3. My friend told me that she could eat a bar of chocolate then.
4. Uncle Ranil said that his wife lived in Japan.
5. He said that he would finish the report then.

ANSWERS

✗ Exercise 03

1. My sister promised that she would finish her homework soon.
2. The cashier said that they could not accept card payments that day.
3. My mother angrily said that she would phone my class teacher soon.
4. My friend said that his/ her sister played chess well.
5. She said that she had to submit her assignment the following day.



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