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| **Indirect Speech: Overview** |
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| **USE:**  | **Indirect speech** or **reported speech** is a description of what people said. We use **indirect speech** to talk about conversations we had with people at some point in the past. We use **direct speech**,on the other hand, when we want to use the exact words people said. Those exact words are usually put in quotation marks.  |
| **FORM:****USE:**  | **Direct Speech** **Indirect Speech***He said, “I don’t like broccoli.” He said that he didn’t like broccoli.*  To make **indirect speech** from **direct speech** do the following:* Take out the comma and quotation marks.
* Put the word “that” after “said”.
* Change the verb tense if necessary.
* Change the time marker if necessary.

Some common changes in verb tenses that we usually make when using **indirect speech** are as follows:* Present tense changes to past tense.

**Direct speech**: *“I eat at McDonald’s every Friday,” she said.***Indirect speech**: *She said that she ate at McDonald’s every Friday.** Auxiliary verbs in the present change to the past.

**Direct speech**: *“I will go to Paris next month,” he said.***Indirect speech**: *He said that he would go to Paris next month.*Some common changes in time markers that we can make when using **indirect speech** are as follows:Now-----then today-----that day yesterday----the day beforeThis week----that week this month----that month**HOWEVER**: We have a choice about whether we make the verb tense and time marker changes. We DON’T make the changes if the situation in the direct speech has NOT changed. For example: *He said, “I am happy.”*If, when you are reporting on him, he is not happy (the situation HAS changed), you would say: *He said that he was happy.*If, when you are reporting on him, he is still happy (the situation HAS NOT changed) you would say: *He said that he is happy.* |  |
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| *Complete the following sentences from DIRECT to INDIRECT speech. More than one answer may be possible.*  |

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|  | **DIRECT SPEECH** |  | **INDIRECT SPEECH** |
| 1. | “I want this book,” he said. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 2. | “He is coming to visit today,” she said. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3. | “These apples are too green,” she said. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 4. | “I will visit Las Vegas next month,” he said. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 5. | “My son will be twelve years old next week,”  he said.  |  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 6. | “I want to go home now,” she said. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 7. | “This afternoon I will play golf,” he said. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 8. | “This actor is very handsome,” they said. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 9. | “I’ll be here again tomorrow,” she said. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 10. | “He wants to leave early,” she said. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |