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| **Indirect Speech: Said, Told** |
| **FORM:** **USE:** | When we are forming **indirect speech** we can use the verb **“said”,** as in:Direct: *Terry said, “I am from Colorado.”*Indirect: *Terry said that he is from Colorado.* We can also use the verb **“told”** but the structure of the sentence changes. With **“told”** we always need a person who is receiving the information. This person is the indirect object of the sentence.Direct: *Terry said to me, “I am from Colordo.”*Indirect: *Terry told me that he is from Colorado.* In the sentence above, **“me”** is the indirect object. **“me”** is the person who received the information. We use **“told”** when the person receiving the information is important. In this situation, the **direct speech** will often have **“said to [a person]”**, as in the example above. Or the receiver of the information will be clear from the situation. If the person receiving the information is not important, we use **“said”.** |
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| *Change the following sentences from DIRECT to INDIRECT speech. If the person receiving the information is important, use TOLD.* |

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| 1. | He said to his parents, “I am going away soon.” | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 2. | Christie said, “Tom is my husband.” | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3. | “I don’t speak Spanish very well,” said Mitch to his new Spanish teacher.  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 4. | Simon said to the woman at the bar, “I work at a bank.” | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 5. | “I hate rainy days,” said Jim. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 6. | “I drive to work every day,” he said to me. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 7. | Monica said, “My computer course is difficult.” | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |