

The Past Perfect: With Indirect Speech

FORM:

Direct Speech: "I've seen that movie."
Indirect Speech: Steven said that he'd seen that movie.

USE:

In indirect speech, the **past perfect** replaces the simple past or the present perfect from direct speech. Use the past perfect in indirect speech when the verb it is used with is clearly situated farther in the past than the verb used to describe the original speech (said, told, stated, claimed, asked, etc.).

NOTE: In Indirect Speech statements use "that"; for "yes/ no" questions use "if".

EXAMPLES:

Direct: "I saw her at the store yesterday."

Indirect: She said that she had seen her at the store the day before.

Direct: "I've never had Korean food before."

Indirect: She said that she had never had Korean food before.

Change the following sentences to **INDIRECT SPEECH**.

1. Tony said, "I have already met your nephew."

2. Nathan told me, "I've been hired."

3. Robert asked me, "How long have you studied English?"

4. The receptionist asked, "Did you buy me a coffee?"

5. My sister told me, "I saw you at the shopping mall yesterday."

6. He said, "I got a raise last week."
