

DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPEECH

Let's understand the difference between direct speech and reported speech.

Direct speech	Reported speech
When someone is saying something:	When reporting what someone else has said:
We use said .	We use said that .
We use a comma (,) after said.	We do not put a comma after said that.
The words of the speaker appear within quotation marks (' ').	We do not use quotation marks.
The first word after the beginning of the quotation mark begins with a capital letter. (Grandma said, ' W ater...')	

Read these examples.

- Garima said, 'The sun is a star'. (direct)
Garima said that the sun is a star. (indirect)
- Teacher said, 'We need oxygen to live'.
Teacher said that we need oxygen to live.



B. Read the sentences in direct speech and complete the sentences below.

- Zeehan says, 'Ice cream tastes good in summer'.
Zeehan said that _____
- Ryan said, 'We must be kind to animals'.
Ryan said _____
- The children say, 'School is fun'.
The children _____

Change of pronouns

Pronouns change when we change a sentence from direct to reported speech or indirect speech.

Look at these sentences.

- Mr Baker says, 'I bake well'.
Mr Baker said that **he** bakes well.
- Sonia said, 'I water the plants every day'.
Sonia said that **she** waters the plants every day.

In indirect speech, the pronouns change as per the gender of the speaker. The verb also changes as per the pronoun (subject-verb agreement).



Let's read these sentences.

- Sahil says, 'We go for a holiday every year'.
- Sahil said that they go for a holiday every year.
- I said, 'We live near the bank'.
- I said that we live near the bank.

The pronoun changes as per the speaker. If the speaker is somebody else, the pronoun we changes to they. If the speaker is I the pronoun does not change.

c. Rewrite the sentences in indirect speech. Don't forget to use that.

1. Meera says, 'I like to play tennis'.

2. Jahnvi says, 'We make candles every day'.

3. I said, 'We have a bath every morning'.

4. Betsy says, 'We go to school every day'.

5. Sahil says, 'I draw cartoons on the board every Sunday'.
