

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE-CLASS X**  
**REPORTED SPEECH- ASSIGNMENT 8**

**Direct Speech** refers to the actual words spoken by a speaker.

E.g: She said, "I went to the market yesterday."

**Indirect Speech** refers to a sentence reporting what someone has said.

E.g: She said that she had gone to the market the previous day.

**Change in Tenses**

- ❖ Simple Present becomes Simple Past
- ❖ Present Continuous becomes Past Continuous
- ❖ Present Perfect becomes Past Perfect
- ❖ Simple Past becomes Past Perfect
- ❖ Past Continuous becomes Past Perfect Continuous
- ❖ Past Perfect remains the same
- ❖ Past Perfect Continuous remains the same

**Change in Time Expression**

- today becomes that day
- tonight becomes that night
- tomorrow becomes the next day
- yesterday becomes the previous day/the day before
- now becomes then
- next week/month/year becomes the following week/month year
- last week/month/year becomes the previous week/month/year

**Change in references and Modals**

- ❖ this becomes that
- ❖ these becomes those
- ❖ here becomes there
- ❖ will becomes would
- ❖ shall becomes should
- ❖ can becomes could
- ❖ may becomes might

**Exceptions**

- ❖ If the reported speech states a universal truth, then the tense of the verb in reported speech will not change.

E.g: The teacher said, "The earth revolves around the sun."

The teacher said that the earth revolves around the earth.

- ❖ If the reporting verb is in present, future or present perfect tense, then the tense of the verb in reported speech will not change.

She says, "I like pizza."

She says that she likes pizza.

**Interrogatives**

- ✓ While reporting interrogatives do not add 'that'.
- ✓ Use a full stop (.) instead of a question mark (?)
- ✓ Question words like what, where, how, why, when to be retained while changing into reported speech
- ✓ Report Yes/No type questions like did, do, are, were, does etc. by using 'If' or 'Whether'.
- ✓ Subject to be used before the verb

E.g: She said, "What are you doing?"

She asked what I was doing.

**Reporting Verbs:** said that, told (someone) that, admitted that, proclaimed that, explained that, revealed that, mentioned that, highlighted that, emphasized that, asked, inquired/enquired of, wanted to know, interrogated, questioned

### Exercises

#### **1. Change the following into Reported speech.**

1. Mr West said, "I am very tired".
2. He said, "I am flying to Rome tomorrow",
3. George said, "I have lived in this village all my life"
4. Peter said, "I am not feeling well".
5. Helen said, "I hope you have enjoyed yourself"
6. She said, "I have been to London many times"
7. Jane said, "I want to study medicine".
8. The boy said, "I don't like sweets."
9. He said, "I saw your friend at the cinema yesterday",
10. She said, "He works in a hospital."

#### **2. Change the following into Reported Speech.**

- (a) He said to me, "Are you a vegetarian or a non-vegetarian?"
- (b) She said to him, "Have you finished writing invitation cards?"
- (c) Vipul said, "Mom, can I go to my friend's house?"
- (d) Surbhi said, "Does it rain a lot in London?"
- (e) She said to her, "When will you submit the project?"
- (f) He said to him, "What do you do for a living?"
- (g) He says, "Honesty is the best policy."
- (h) She says, "I love ice cream."
- (i) Ramesh says, "I have written a letter."
- (j) She says, "He never makes mistakes."