



Direct and Indirect Speech

- 1. Change of pronouns
 - Direct Speech
 - John said, “I am coming.”
 - Indirect Speech
 - John said that he was coming.



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2. Change of tenses

- Direct Speech
- John said, “I am coming.”

- Indirect Speech
- John said that he was coming.

Direct speech

Present simple

She said, "It's cold."

Present continuous

She said, "I'm teaching English online."

Present perfect simple

She said, "I've been on the web since 1999."

Present perfect continuous

She said, "I've been teaching English for seven years."

Past simple

She said, "I taught online yesterday."

Past continuous

She said, "I was teaching earlier."

Past perfect

She said, "The lesson had already started when he arrived."

Past perfect continuous

She said, "I'd already been teaching for five minutes."

Indirect speech

› Past simple

She said it was cold.

› Past continuous

She said she was teaching English online.

› Past perfect simple

She said she had been on the web since 1999.

Past perfect continuous

› She said she had been teaching English for seven years.

› Past perfect

She said she had taught online yesterday.

› Past perfect continuous

She said she had been teaching earlier.

Past perfect

› NO CHANGE - She said the lesson had already started when he arrived.

Past perfect continuous

› NO CHANGE - She said she'd already been teaching for five minutes.



3. Change of situations

Direct Speech

John said, “I did this exercise last night.”

Indirect Speech

John said that he had done that exercise the previous night.

- 'this' becomes 'that'
- 'last night' becomes 'the previous night'

Changes in Adjectives and Adverbs

<u>Direct speech</u> (word in the quote)	<u>Indirect Speech</u> (word in the report)
this	that/the
that	those/the
here	there
now	then
today	that day
tonight	that night
tomorrow	the next day/the following day
last night	previous night/the night before
the day after tomorrow	in two day's time
yesterday	the day before
the day before yesterday	two days before/two days ago
next week/year	the following week/year
this week/year	the week/year
last week/year	the week/year before



• other examples are as follows :

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
this	that
here	there
now	then
today	that day
yesterday	the day before / the previous day
tomorrow	the next day
last week	the week before / the previous week
next month	the following month
ago	before



4. Questions and answers

Direct Speech

1 John asked her, “Are you coming?” (yes/no question)

2 John asked, “Where is Mary?” (wh-question)

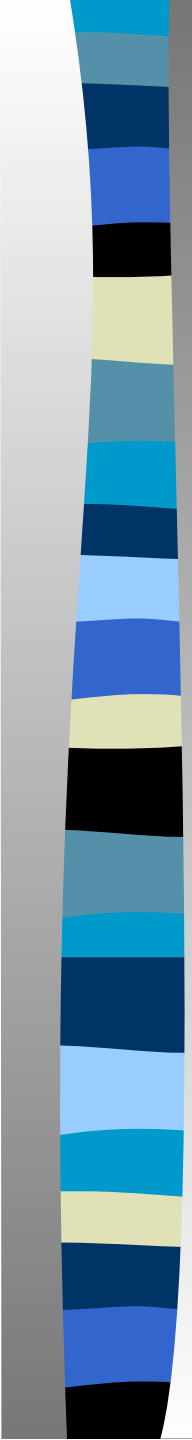
Indirect Speech

1 John asked if / whether she was coming.

2 John asked where Mary was.

• yes/no questions - use if/whether

• wh-questions - use the wh-word



5. Actions : promises, orders, requests, advice etc.

Direct Speech

John ordered Bill, “Clean my boots.”

Indirect Speech

John ordered Bill to clean his boots. (object + to + infinitive)



6. Report using present and future tenses

Direct Speech

John said, 'The sun rises from the east.'

Indirect Speech

John said that the sun rises from the east.

- if the original speaker's present and future is still present and future
- in other words, the tense is unchanged



7. Modals verbs

Direct Speech

John said, 'I **must** do my homework now.'

Indirect Speech

John said that he **must** do his homework then.

- would , should, could, might, ought to and must are **unchanged**



8. Wh- Questions

Direct Speech

My friend asked, "Where is Venus?"

Indirect Speech

My friend asked where Venus was.



Other examples of WH-questions:

Direct Speech

My friend asked "How are you?"

Indirect Speech

My friend asked how I was.

TRANSFORMATION PROCESS:

- 1) Put the subject before the verb.
- 2) Change the pronoun: *you* to *I*
- 3) Join the clauses using the *how, who, whom, where, when, why*
- 4) Adjust the 2nd verb to the time frame of the 1st verb.



examples of WH-questions

- My friend said, "Where are you going?"
- My friend asked where I was going.

- My friend said, " Whom did you call?"
- My friend asked whom I had called.



examples of WH-questions

- My friend said, " Whom I was calling?"
- My friend asked whom I had been calling.

- My friend said, " Where have you been?"
- My friend asked where I had been.



examples of WH-questions

- He asked me, "What did she say?"
- He asked me what she had said.

- He asked me, "When are you leaving?"
- He asked me when I was leaving.



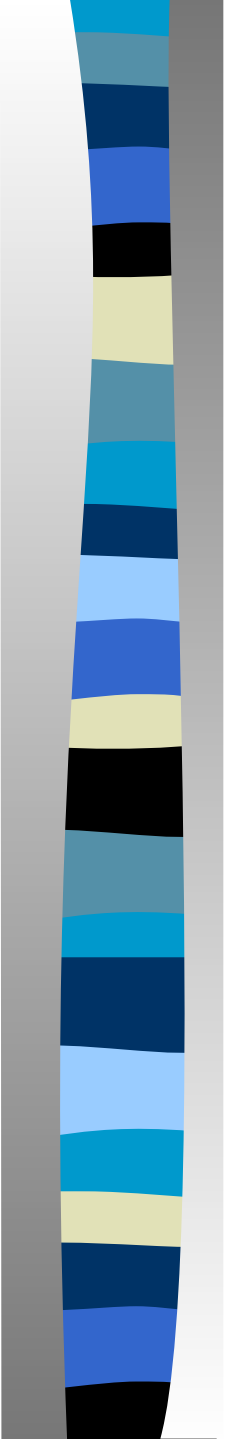
examples of WH-questions

- He asked me, "Who is coming for dinner?"
He asked me who was coming for dinner.
- He asked me, "How many times have you seen that movie?"
- He asked me how many times I had seen that movie.



examples of WH-questions

- He asked me, "What time is it?"
- He asked me what time it was.
- He asked me, "How old are you?"
- He asked me how old I was.





Difference between Direct & Indirect Speech

Direct speech : “ I have no intention of quitting my job.”

Indirect speech : He said he had no intention of quitting his job.

Direct speech : “Have you ever been to Phuket?”

Indirect speech : She asked if I had ever been to Phuket?

Direct speech : “Can we stay more than a month on a tourist visa?”

Indirect speech : The group leader asked if they could stay more than a month on a tourist visa?

NOTE: TEACH THE KID THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DIRECT & INDIRECT SPEECH WITH EXAMPLES.



Indirect speech : He asked her if the interview was finished.
She replied that it was finished.

Then , he asked her if she would like to out with him.
She told him that she was busy that night and forever.



In the above conversation between 2 women both Direct and Indirect Speech is used . Read the dialogue and understand the difference.

