

Direct and reported speech.

We use direct speech for words that people speak. We use reported speech (or indirect speech) when we tell someone else what a person said.

Examples:

- Direct speech “That is very exciting,” said Mary.
Reported speech Mary said that that was very exciting.
- Direct speech: “I haven’t seen everything myself,” said father to Mary.
Reported speech: Father told Mary that he hadn’t seen everything himself.

Write the sentences below in reported speech. Start with the given words.

- “The road to Kafue National Park is very bumpy”, complained John.

John complained that

- “There are lots of ostriches in the park”, said Nchimunya.

Nchimunya said that

- Mother exclaimed, “There are so many great places to visit in our country”.

Mother exclaimed that

- Ben said, “I have my own atlas of Zambia”.

Ben said that

- “I do not know where the Kalambo falls are”, said David.

David said

- “We visit our cousin in Gweru every year”, said Mr. Sitali.

Mr. Sitali said