

DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPEECH

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I. Write T (true) or F (false).

1. ___ In indirect speech, quotation marks are used to enclose the noun clause.
2. ___ The verb tell must normally be followed by an object (the listener).
3. ___ When reporting a Yes/No question, you should use statement word order instead of question word order.
4. ___ In formal English, you must always change the verb to the past form even when reporting a general truth.
5. ___ When the reporting verb is in the simple past, the simple present in direct speech usually changes to the simple past.
6. ___ The word that is mandatory when introducing a noun clause in a reported statement.
7. ___ If a direct speech quotation is interrupted by a reporting verb, the first word of the second part of the quotation should be capitalized.
8. ___ The modal must usually changes to had to in indirect speech.
9. ___ Indirect questions should end with a question mark if the original direct speech was a question.
10. ___ The word tomorrow typically changes to the next day or the following day in indirect speech.

II Choose the best answer.

1. Which of the following sentences correctly reports the question: "Do you need help?"

- A) He asked me if I did need help.
- B) He asked me if I needed help.
- C) He asked me that if I needed help.

2. Choose the correct indirect speech form for: "I'll call you tomorrow," she said.

- A) She said she will call me the next day.
- B) She said she would call me tomorrow.
- C) She said she would call me the next day.

