

How to change Direct speech to indirect speech

Here you will understand how to change the tenses and how to change helping verb. And as usual all other rules will be applied accordingly.

Present indefinite Present indefinite will be changed into past indefinite.	Present continues Present continues will be changed into past continues.	Present perfect Present perfect will be changed into past perfect.	Present perfect continues Present perfect continues will be changed into past perfect continues.
Past indefinite Past indefinite will be changed into Past perfect.	Past continues Past continues will be changed into past perfect continues.	Past perfect Past perfect will not be changed.	Past perfect continues Past perfect continues will not be changed.
Future indefinite Future indefinite will not be changed.	Future continues Future continues will not be changed.	Future continues Future perfect will not be changed.	Future perfect continues Future perfect continues will not be changed.

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Rules P into **told** only in one condition when there is object in reporting speech.

Example:

Direct: You said to Saif, "you are going to Lahore".

Indirect: you told Saif that he was going to Lahore.

Changes in person of pronouns

1 st person	2 nd person	3 rd person
Subject	Object	No change

I, we, you

My, our, your
us, me your they and noun

Now into then
Today into that day
Yesterday into that
This into that
Last night into the previous night
Tomorrow into the next day
These into those
Here into there
Next day into the following day
Ago into
Come into go
Will into would
Shall into
May into might
Can into could
Good Morning, into greeted
Good Evening, into
Good Day into
Madam into
Sir into Respectfully

- 3 Direct She said: "The exam is difficult.
- 4 Direct I bought a car.
- 5 Direct My parents are very well.
- 6 Direct Please don't be late.

Indirect

7 Direct I'm living in Texas now.

Indirect

8 Direct I am living in Paris.

Indirect

9 Direct My mother isn't very well.

Indirect

11 Direct I was walking along the Street.

Indirect

12 Direct I haven't seen George recently.

Indirect

13 Direct I would help, but...

Indirect

14 Direct I'm waiting for Michael, she said.

Indirect

15 Direct They said, "They have taken exercise."

Indirect

Fact the tenses must remain same .

16. Direct speech: The teacher said to the boys, "The earth revolves around the sun".(said-told)

Indirect speech: .

17. Direct speech: Saif said, "Allah is one".(said-told, fact no changes)
Indirect speech:

18. Direct speech: She said to him, "Honesty is the best policy".(said -told,fact no changes)
Indirect speech:

19. Direct speech: Sunny said to Farrukh, "The sun rises in the east".(Said-told)fact no changes)
Indirect speech:

Interrogative statement(said -asked)

20. Direct speech: Aslam said, "Do not beat him".(order/ not to)
Indirect speech:

21. Direct speech: He said to me, "Who are you"? (are/was- said-asked)
Indirect speech:

22. Direct speech: He said to me, "Where are you going"? (said-asked -are/was)
Indirect speech:

23. Direct speech: Sunny said to me, "will you help me"? (said-asked-would)

Indirect speech:

24. Direct speech: Aslam said, "Do not beat him".
Indirect speech:

- The direct verb is changed according to indirect speech in case order the speaker gives a direct command.
Then **said** will be changed into **ordered** For example:

25. Direct Speech: The father said to me, "Sit down."

Indirect Speech:

- The direct verb is changed according to indirect speech in case request the speaker gives a request command.
Then **said** will be changed into **request**

For example:

Direct Speech: The man said, "Please show me your pen."

Indirect Speech

- The direct verb is changed according to indirect speech in case guide the speaker gives a piece of advice.
Then **said** will be changed into **advised**.

Direct Speech: She says, "I am writing a letter to my brother."

Indirect Speech: (positive)(she is)(said)

Direct Speech: She says, "I was not writing a letter to my brother."

Indirect Speech: (negative)(was not)(said)

Direct Speech: She said to me, "I am writing a letter to my brother."

Indirect Speech: (true statement, told, not)