

1. Direct and indirect speech

DIRECT SPEECH	INDIRECT or REPORTED SPEECH
Exact words spoken. Example: 'There's a fly in my soup', he said	When we tell someone about a previous conversation. Example: He said there was a fly in his soup

Look at these examples. They are all direct speech:

When Rajoy was president, he said:

What we have done is
to lie.



Is English very difficult?

I will never be corrupt

Steve Jobs, former CEO of Apple, said:

How do you live
your life?

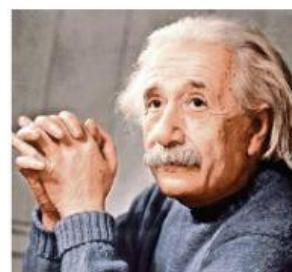


My favourite things in life don't
cost any money

Don't let other people's
opinions drown you out

Albert Einstein, German physician, said:

Am I or are the
others crazy?



I have no special talent. I
am only curious

Look deep into nature

We will divide direct and reported speech into four groups:

1 Statements 2. WH-questions 3. Yes/No questions 4. Imperative sentences

1. Statements:

Example:

'We will never be corrupt, Rajoy said' → He said to us they corrupt
 'We will never be corrupt, Rajoy said' → He us they corrupt
 'We will never be corrupt, Rajoy said' → He they corrupt

Most common reporting verbs: say, tell, claim, confirm, announce,...

2. WH-questions

Example:

'How do you live your life?', Jobbs asked → He asked how we life
 'How do you live your life?', Jobbs asked → He wanted to how life
 'How do you live your life?', Jobbs asked → He wondered life

Most common reporting verbs: ask, wonder, want to know, inquire

3. Yes/No questions

Example:

'Am I crazy or are the others?' Einstein asked → He asked whether / if he crazy or the others

4. Requests and orders

Example:

'Don't let the others drown you out, Jobbs said → He told us not the others drown Out

'Look into nature', Einstein said → He advised us into nature

Most common reporting verbs:

He told me to
He asked me to
He advised me to
He forbade me to

He wanted me to
He promised me to
He invited me to
He convinced me to

Look at the tense changes and complete the chart

DIRECT SPEECH		INDIRECT or REPORTED SPEECH	
Simple Present	'I am very interesting, Trump said	Past Simple	Trump said he very interesting
Present Continuous	'I am learning English', Trump said	Past Continuous	Trump said he English
Past Simple	'Kamikazes wore helmets, he said	Past simple	He said kamikazes helmets
Past Continuous	'I was reading', the Queen said	Past Continuous	The Queen said she
Present Perfect	'I have heard a noise', the sniper said	Past Perfect	The sniper told me he a noise
Past Perfect	'I had never seen this before', Biden said	Past Perfect	Biden said he before
Future	'I'll star a new film', Cole Sprouse said	Conditional	Cole told me he a new film
Conditional	'I would do it again', Tate McRae said	Conditional	Tate said she it again
Can	'We can't cope with fame, BTS said	Could	BTS said they with fame

Look at these changes in pronouns, time and place expressions

DIRECT SPEECH	INDIRECT or REPORTED SPEECH
'I'm not playing today ', he said	He said was not playing
'My brother is here ', she said	She said brother was
'My friend loves this type of music', he said	He said friend loved type of music
'We'll take these mobiles', they said	They said would take mobiles
'We've just arrived now ', they said said had just arrived
'I got lost yesterday ', he told me	He said to me had got lost
'My grandma fell last week ', he said	He said grandma

	or
	or
'I'm leaving tomorrow ', he announced	He said was leaving

	or
'We are going to travel to Venice next week ', they said	They said were going to travel to Venice

	or
	or