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Synthesis and Transformation

Direct Speech

These are the exact words a person or character in a story says. It is always used with quotation marks.

Example
"You'll never guess who I just met!" exclaimed Henry.

Indirect Speech

These are the words that a person or character in a story says but not their exact words. It is also called Reported Speech. We never use quotation marks for indirect speech.

Example
I told my mother that I did not like to eat vegetables.

Tense

When we change a sentence from direct to indirect speech, the tense of the sentence needs to change accordingly. Refer to the rules below.

Rule 1

If the sentence is in present tense → change to past tense

Example
He said, " I **live** in Tampines." → present
He said that he **lived** in Tampines. → past

Practice 1

"He is my best friend," Tommy said.

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Rule 2
If the sentence is in present continuous tense → change to past continuous tense **Example** He said, "The dog **is walking** on the road." → present continuous He said that the dog **was walking** on the road. → past continuous

Practice 2
"I am visiting my friend next week," Sarah told me.

Rule 3
If the sentence is in present perfect tense → change to past perfect tense **Example** He said, "I **have lived** in Tampines for two years." → present perfect He said that he **had lived** in Tampines for two years. → past perfect

Practice 3
Jerry said, "I have visited many countries in Europe."

Rule 4
If the sentence is in present perfect continuous tense → change to past perfect continuous tense **Example** He said, "I **have been studying** since morning." → present perfect continuous He said that he **had been studying** since morning. → past perfect continuous

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Practice
"I have been living by myself for the past three years." Jackson claimed.

Rule 5
If the sentence is in past tense → change to past perfect tense **Example** He said, "I **arrived** ten minutes before Judy." → past He said that he **had arrived** ten minutes before Judy. → past perfect

Practice 5
He told his mother, "I wanted to go to the zoo."

Rule 6
If the sentence is in future tense → change only the modal verb to past tense **Example** He said, "I **will go** to school." → future He said that he **would go** to school. → past

Practice 6
Sandy said, "I'll be home at around 3pm."

Additional Practice
For each of the questions, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). [12 marks]

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Question 1
Deepak said, “I am having a snack.”

Question 2
Eileen said, “I will wash the dishes.”

Question 3
“I don’t want to go,” she stated firmly.

Question 4
The man declared, “I have watched that movie five times!”

Question 5
“I live in the Philippines,” May said.

Question 6
“I’ve been studying a lot,” he said.

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