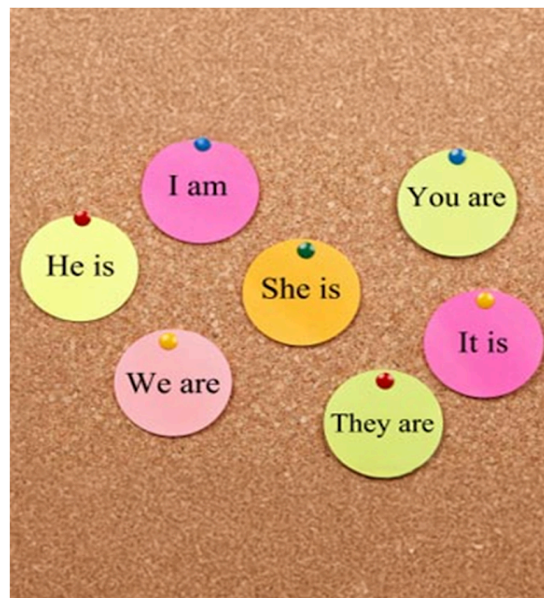


English Grammar

STUDY NOTES

Direct & Indirect Speech (I)



Direct and Indirect Speech I

1. Introduction

- **Direct Speech:** The exact words spoken by a person are quoted and enclosed in quotation marks.
 - **Structure:** [Reporting Clause], " [Quoted Speech] "
 - Example: He said, "I am happy."
- **Indirect Speech:** The speaker's words are paraphrased without using the exact words.
 - **Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Reported Speech]
 - Example: He said that he was happy.

2. Key Differences

- **Direct Speech:**
 - **Structure:** [Subject + Reporting Verb], " [Subject + Verb + Object] "
 - Example: She said, "I am going to the market."
- **Indirect Speech:**
 - **Structure:** [Subject + Reporting Verb] that [Subject + Verb + Object]
 - Example: She said that she was going to the market.

3. Rules for Converting Direct to Indirect Speech

(i). Tense Change

Tense changes are crucial when converting from direct to indirect speech, reflecting the shift in the timeline of the reported speech.

- **Present Simple (v1) to Past Simple (v2):**
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Subject + v1 + Object] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "I play football," he said.

- **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Subject + v2 + Object]
 - Indirect: He said that he played football.
- **Present Continuous (is/am/are + v1+ing) to Past Continuous (was/were + v1+ing):**
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Subject + is/am/are + v1+ing + Object] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "I am playing football," he said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Subject + was/were + v1+ing + Object]
 - Indirect: He said that he was playing football.
- **Present Perfect (has/have + v3) to Past Perfect (had + v3):**
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Subject + has/have + v3 + Object] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "I have played football," he said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Subject + had + v3 + Object]
 - Indirect: He said that he had played football.
- **Past Simple (v2) to Past Perfect (had + v3):**
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Subject + v2 + Object] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "I played football," he said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Subject + had + v3 + Object]
 - Indirect: He said that he had played football.

Examples for Different Tenses:

- **Present Simple (v1) to Past Simple (v2):**
 - Direct: "She likes apples," he said.
 - Indirect: He said that she liked apples.

- **Present Continuous (is/am/are + v1+ing) to Past Continuous (was/were + v1+ing):**
 - Direct: "She is eating an apple," he said.
 - Indirect: He said that she was eating an apple.

- **Present Perfect (has/have + v3) to Past Perfect (had + v3):**
 - Direct: "She has eaten an apple," he said.
 - Indirect: He said that she had eaten an apple.

- **Past Simple (v2) to Past Perfect (had + v3):**
 - Direct: "She ate an apple," he said.
 - Indirect: He said that she had eaten an apple.

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
Present Simple	Past Simple
Present Continuous	Past Continuous
Past Simple	Past Perfect
Present Perfect	Past Perfect
Will Future	Would + Bare Infinitive
Can	Could
Have To	Had To
Imperative	To Infinitive

(ii). Pronoun Change

Pronouns are adjusted according to the context of the reported speech.

- **First-Person Pronouns:** Change according to the subject of the reporting verb.
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [First-Person Pronoun + Verb] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "I am tired," he said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Third-Person Pronoun + Verb]
 - Indirect: He said that he was tired.

- **Second-Person Pronouns:** Change according to the object of the reporting verb.
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Second-Person Pronoun + Verb] ", [Reporting Clause + Object]
 - Example: "You are late," she said to him.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause + Object] that [Object Pronoun + Verb]
 - Indirect: She told him that he was late.

- **Third-Person Pronouns:** Generally remain the same.
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Third-Person Pronoun + Verb] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "He is happy," she said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Third-Person Pronoun + Verb]
 - Indirect: She said that he was happy.

Pronouns			
Direct Speech	Indirect Speech		
	Masculine	Feminine	Plural
I	he	she	-
You (Subject)	he	she	they
you (Object)	him	her	them
your	his	her	their
my	his	her	their
myself	himself	herself	themselves
we	-	-	they
us	-	-	them

(iii). Time Expressions Change

Time expressions need to be adjusted in indirect speech to reflect the timing accurately.

- **Now** changes to **then**.
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Verb + Time Expression (now)] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "I am busy now," she said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Verb + Time Expression (then)]
 - Indirect: She said that she was busy then.

- **Today** changes to **that day**.
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Verb + Time Expression (today)] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "I will come today," he said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Verb + Time Expression (that day)]
 - Indirect: He said that he would come that day.

- **Tomorrow** changes to **the next day**.
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Verb + Time Expression (tomorrow)] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "I will come tomorrow," he said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Verb + Time Expression (the next day)]
 - Indirect: He said that he would come the next day.

- **Yesterday** changes to **the previous day**.
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Verb + Time Expression (yesterday)] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "I came yesterday," he said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Verb + Time Expression (the previous day)]
 - Indirect: He said that he had come the previous day.

Denoting Time and Position		Denoting Time and Position	
Direct Speech	Indirect Speech	Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
this	that	today	that day
these	those	yesterday	the previous day
now	then	tomorrow	the next day
ago	before	next week	the following week
last night	the previous night	last week	the previous week
next day	the following day	here	there