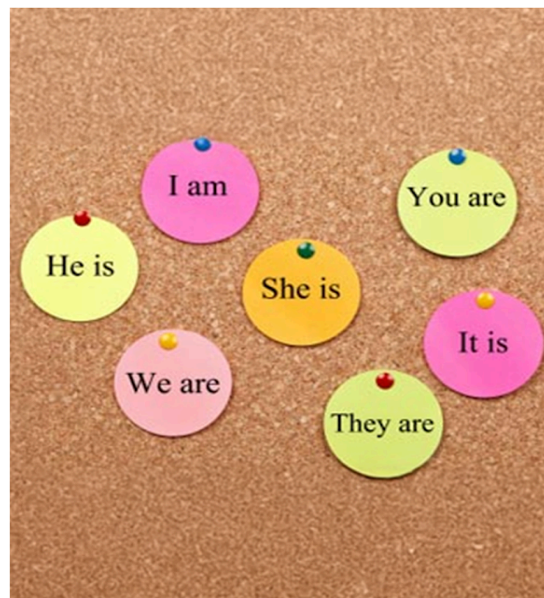


English Grammar

STUDY NOTES

Direct & Indirect Speech (II)



Direct and Indirect Speech II

4. Questions in Indirect Speech

When converting questions from direct to indirect speech, the sentence structure changes from interrogative to declarative, and the question mark is omitted.

- **Yes/No Questions:**
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Auxiliary Verb + Subject + Base Form of Verb + Object] ? ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "Do you play football?" he asked.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] if/whether [Subject + v2 + Object]
 - Indirect: He asked if I played football.

- **Wh- Questions:**
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Wh-Word + Auxiliary Verb + Subject + Base Form of Verb + Object] ? ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "Where do you live?" he asked.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] [Wh-Word + Subject + v2 + Object]
 - Indirect: He asked where I lived.

Examples:

- **Yes/No Questions:**
 - Direct: "Are you coming?" he asked.
 - Indirect: He asked if I was coming.
- **Wh- Questions:**
 - Direct: "What are you doing?" she asked.
 - Indirect: She asked what I was doing.

5. Commands and Requests in Indirect Speech

Commands and requests in direct speech are converted to infinitive forms in indirect speech.

- **Commands:**

- **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Imperative Verb + Object] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "Close the door," he said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] to [Base Form of Verb + Object]
 - Indirect: He told me to close the door.
- **Requests:**
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Please + Verb + Object] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "Please help me," she said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] to [Base Form of Verb + Object]
 - Indirect: She asked me to help her.

Examples:

- **Commands:**
 - Direct: "Sit down," he said.
 - Indirect: He told me to sit down.
- **Requests:**
 - Direct: "Please pass the salt," she said.
 - Indirect: She asked me to pass the salt.

6. Reporting Statements with Modal Verbs

When reporting statements that contain modal verbs, the modal verbs may change according to the context.

- **Can changes to could.**
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Subject + can + Base Form of Verb + Object] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "I can swim," he said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Subject + could + Base Form of Verb + Object]
 - Indirect: He said that he could swim.

- **Will changes to would.**

- **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Subject + will + Base Form of Verb + Object] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "I will come," she said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Subject + would + Base Form of Verb + Object]
 - Indirect: She said that she would come.
- **May changes to might.**
 - **Direct Speech Structure:** " [Subject + may + Base Form of Verb + Object] ", [Reporting Clause]
 - Example: "I may leave early," he said.
 - **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Subject + might + Base Form of Verb + Object]
 - Indirect: He said that he might leave early.

Examples:

- **Can to Could:**
 - Direct: "I can speak French," she said.
 - Indirect: She said that she could speak French.
- **Will to Would:**
 - Direct: "I will call you," he said.
 - Indirect: He said that he would call me.
- **May to Might:**
 - Direct: "I may travel tomorrow," she said.
 - Indirect: She said that she might travel the next day.

7. Exclamations

Convert exclamatory sentences to statements, then change back to exclamatory.

- **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Subject + Verb + Exclamation]
- **Example:** He exclaimed that it was a wonderful day.
- **Direct Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause], " [Exclamatory Sentence] "
- **Direct:** He exclaimed, "What a wonderful day!"

8. Advanced Tense Changes

In more advanced contexts, more complex tense changes occur.

Past Continuous to Past Perfect Continuous

- **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Subject + had been + v1+ing + Object]
- **Example:** He said that he had been reading.
- **Direct Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause], " [Subject + was/were + v1+ing + Object] "
- **Direct:** He said, "I was reading."

Future Simple to Future in the Past

- **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Subject + would + Base Form of Verb + Object]
- **Example:** He said that he would go.
- **Direct Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause], " [Subject + will + Base Form of Verb + Object] "
- **Direct:** He said, "I will go."

Future Continuous to Future Continuous in the Past

- **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Subject + would be + v1+ing + Object]
- **Example:** He said that he would be playing.
- **Direct Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause], " [Subject + will be + v1+ing + Object] "
- **Direct:** He said, "I will be playing."

9. Conditional Sentences

When reporting conditional sentences, the tense is adjusted to reflect the shift in time or context.

Type 1 (Real Present Condition)

- **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that if [Subject + v2 + Object], [Subject + would + Base Form of Verb + Object]
- **Example:** She said that if it rained, they would stay home.
- **Direct Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause], " If [Subject + v1 + Object], [Subject + will + Base Form of Verb + Object] "
- **Direct:** She said, "If it rains, we will stay home."

Type 2 (Unreal Present Condition)

- **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that if [Subject + were + Object], [Subject + would + Base Form of Verb + Object]
- **Example:** He said that if he were rich, he would travel the world.
- **Direct Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause], " If [Subject + were + Object], [Subject + would + Base Form of Verb + Object] "
- **Direct:** He said, "If I were rich, I would travel the world."

Type 3 (Unreal Past Condition)

- **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that if [Subject + had + v3 + Object], [Subject + would have + v3 + Object]
- **Example:** She said that if she had known, she would have called.
- **Direct Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause], " If [Subject + had + v3 + Object], [Subject + would have + v3 + Object] "
- **Direct:** She said, "If I had known, I would have called."

10. Special Cases

Special cases in reported speech involve reporting general truths, habitual actions, or timeless facts.

General Truths and Habits

General truths and habits do not change tense when reported.

- **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Subject + v1 + Object]
- **Example:** He said that the Earth orbits the Sun.
- **Direct Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause], " [Subject + v1 + Object] "

- **Direct:** He said, "The Earth orbits the Sun."

11. Reporting Questions with Negatives

When reporting negative questions, the same rules apply for questions but with the addition of the negative element.

- **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] if/whether [Subject + did not + Base Form of Verb + Object]
- **Example:** He asked if I didn't like pizza.
- **Direct Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause], " [Auxiliary Verb + Subject + not + Base Form of Verb + Object]?"
- **Direct:** He asked, "Don't you like pizza?"

12. Mixed and Complex Sentences

In more advanced contexts, sentences may contain multiple clauses or mixed elements, requiring careful restructuring in indirect speech.

- **Indirect Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause] that [Multiple Clauses]
- **Example:** He said that he knew her but couldn't remember her name.
- **Direct Speech Structure:** [Reporting Clause], " [Multiple Clauses] "
- **Direct:** He said, "I know her, but I can't remember her name."

13. Exceptional Cases in Direct and Indirect Speech: Simultaneous Events in the Past

When two events happened simultaneously in the past, the tense often remains the same. Here's a detailed guide with structures:

Past Continuous Tense

- **Direct Speech:** "They were playing while it was raining."
 - **Structure:** Subject + was/were + verb-ing + while + subject + was/were + verb-ing
 - **Indirect Speech:** He said that they were playing while it was raining.
 - **Structure:** Subject + was/were + verb-ing + while + subject + was/were + verb-ing

Examples

1. Simple Simultaneous Actions in the Past:

- **Direct Speech:** "I was reading a book while she was watching TV."
 - **Structure:** Subject + was/were + verb-ing + while + subject + was/were + verb-ing
 - **Indirect Speech:** He said that he was reading a book while she was watching TV.
 - **Structure:** Subject + was/were + verb-ing + while + subject + was/were + verb-ing

2. Simultaneous Actions with Different Subjects:

- **Direct Speech:** "The students were studying while the teacher was preparing the lesson."
 - **Structure:** Subject + was/were + verb-ing + while + subject + was/were + verb-ing
 - **Indirect Speech:** She said that the students were studying while the teacher was preparing the lesson.
 - **Structure:** Subject + was/were + verb-ing + while + subject + was/were + verb-ing

3. Simultaneous Actions in a Complex Sentence:

- **Direct Speech:** "I was cooking dinner, and at the same time, he was cleaning the house."
 - **Structure:** Subject + was/were + verb-ing + and at the same time, + subject + was/were + verb-ing
 - **Indirect Speech:** She said that she was cooking dinner, and at the same time, he was cleaning the house.
 - **Structure:** Subject + was/were + verb-ing + and at the same time, + subject + was/were + verb-ing

4. Using Adverbs for Emphasis:

- **Direct Speech:** "She was always singing while she was working."
 - **Structure:** Subject + was/were + always + verb-ing + while + subject + was/were + verb-ing
 - **Indirect Speech:** He said that she was always singing while she was working.
 - **Structure:** Subject + was/were + always + verb-ing + while + subject + was/were + verb-ing

5. Longer Duration Actions Simultaneously:

- **Direct Speech:** "They were hiking while the sun was setting."
 - **Structure:** Subject + was/were + verb-ing + while + subject + was/were + verb-ing

- **Indirect Speech:** He said that they were hiking while the sun was setting.
 - **Structure:** Subject + was/were + verb-ing + while + subject + was/were + verb-ing
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- The tenses of direct speech do not change if the reporting verb is in future tense or present tense.
 - **Direct:** He says/will say, “she is going.”
 - **Indirect:** He says/will say she is going.