GRADE 6 | ENGLISH WORKSHEET

Direct and Indirect Speech

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

What is it?

Direct speech gives the speaker's exact words inside quotation marks. **Indirect speech** reports what was said, without quotation marks.

DIRECT: Hamza said, "I play football every evening."
INDIRECT: Hamza said that he played football every evening.

3 Steps: Direct to Indirect

1. Remove the quotation marks and add **that**.
2. Change the pronoun (I → he/she, my → his/her, we → they).
3. Move the tense one step back.

Tense and Word Changes

play → played | **is/am/are** → was/were | **played** → had played | **will** → would | **can** → could
today → that day | **tomorrow** → the next day | **yesterday** → the day before | **now** → then | **here** → there

Statements, Questions and Commands

Statement: Zain said, "I can swim." → Zain said that he **could** swim.
Question (wh-): Usman asked, "Where is my bag?" → Usman asked **where** his bag was.
Question (yes/no): Bilal asked, "Do you like mangoes?" → Bilal asked **if** I liked mangoes.
Command: Father said to Zain, "Open your books." → Father **told** Zain **to** open his books.

In questions, use normal word order and remove the question mark.

Practice at Home

A. Change into indirect speech.

1. Saad said, "I am reading a story."

2. Daniyal said, "I will visit my uncle tomorrow."

3. Faizan asked me, "Where do you live?"

4. Mother said to Umar, "Switch off the light."

B. Change into direct speech.

1. Hassan said that he was tired.

2. Ali said that he could ride a bicycle.

3. Bilal asked me if I liked cricket.

C. Write 2 sentences of your own in direct speech, then change them into indirect speech.

Tip: If the reporting verb is in the present (He says...), the tense does not change.