

Indirect Speech (Reported Speech) – Grade 4 Lesson

1. What is Indirect Speech?

Indirect speech is when we tell someone what another person said without using the exact words.

- We do not use quotation marks.
- Pronouns and some verbs often change.

2. Direct vs Indirect Speech

Direct: Ali said, "I am tired."

Indirect: Ali said that he was tired.

Direct: Sara said, "I like apples."

Indirect: Sara said that she liked apples.

3. Rules for Changing Direct Speech to Indirect Speech

- Remove quotation marks.
- Change pronouns (I→he/she, my→his/her).
- Change tense (am/is→was, are→were, like→liked).
- For commands, use 'to'.

4. Examples

"I am happy." → She said that she was happy.

"We are playing." → They said that they were playing.

"Close the door." → The teacher told us to close the door.

5. Practice Exercises

A. Change to Indirect Speech:

1. Ali said, "I am hungry."
2. Sara said, "We are going home."
3. Mom said, "Clean your room."
4. The boy said, "I like football."
5. The teacher said, "Finish your work."

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. He said that he ____ (is/was) tired.
2. They said that they ____ (are/were) happy.
3. She told me ____ (to go / go) home.
4. The girl said that she ____ (liked/likes) cats.