

# DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPEECH

## Exercise 1

Complete the table below to show the change in tenses and time signifiers when converting from direct to indirect speech. An example is given to you.

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
1. gives	gave
2. took	
3. is running	
4. will arrive	
5. must	
6. yesterday	
7. last week	
8. tomorrow	

## Exercise 2

### Convert the direct speech to indirect speech.

1. “You have been selected to participate in an Art Competition,” Mrs Smith told the students.

Mrs Smith told the students that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. “Are you waiting for a taxi?” the stranger asked my sister and me.

The stranger asked my sister and me \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. “When Tom is at school tomorrow, I will be attending a computer course,” Mrs Simmons told her husband.

Mrs Simmons told her husband that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. “You may not be allowed into the theatre because the concert started an hour ago,” Jake told Ann.

Jake told Ann that \_\_\_\_\_

5. “The runaway hid in this cave for a week,” the police reported.

The police reported that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Exercise 3

#### Convert the indirect speech to direct speech.

1. Sue said that she had drawn the winning picture in the previous year's art competition.

Sue said, "\_\_\_\_\_."

2. My brothers said that they would help me with my school project.

My brothers said, "\_\_\_\_\_."

3. The veterinarian advised me to bring my pet back for a checkup the next day.

"\_\_\_\_\_" the veterinarian advised me.

4. Sarah said that she had gone to Japan the previous month.

Sarah said, "\_\_\_\_\_."

5. The fisherman said that he was disappointed with his catch.

The fisherman said, "\_\_\_\_\_."

5. The fisherman said, "I am disappointed with my catch."  
4. Sarah said, "I went to Japan last month."  
3. "Bring your pet back for a checkup tomorrow," the veterinarian advised me.  
2. My brothers said, "We will help you with your school project."  
1. Sue said, "I drew the winning picture in last year's art competition."

#### Exercise 3

5. The police reported that the runaway had hidden in that cave for a week.  
4. Jake told Ann that she might not be allowed into the theatre because the concert had started an hour before.  
computer course.  
3. Mrs Simmons told her husband that when Tom was at school the next day, she would be attending a  
2. The stranger asked my sister and me if we were waiting for a taxi.  
1. Mrs Smith told the students that they had been selected to participate in an Art Competition.

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2. had taken  
3. was running  
4. would arrive  
5. must/had to (present) or must/would have to (future)  
6. the day before/the previous day  
7. the week before/the previous week  
8. the next day

#### Exercise 1

#### Answers: