

# UNIT 19

## DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPEECH

### REVIEW

**Direct speech** uses the exact words of the speaker. **Indirect speech** reports what the speaker has said.

Review these.

When **direct speech** is changed to **indirect speech**, certain changes are usually made.

#### Changes in tense

Direct speech	Indirect speech
simple present	simple past
present continuous	past continuous
present perfect	past perfect
simple past	past perfect
simple future	past future

#### Changes in time

Direct speech	Indirect speech
now	then
today	that day
tomorrow	the next day
yesterday	the previous day
last week	the previous week
last month	the previous month

## Changes in pronoun

Direct speech	Indirect speech
I	he / she
we	they
you	he / she / they

## Changes in place

Direct speech	Indirect speech
here	there
this place	that place
these places	those places

- direct** "I am not feeling well today," said John.  
**indirect** John said that he was not feeling well that day.
- direct** "We met Mrs Robin yesterday," said the children.  
**indirect** The children said that they had met Mrs Robin the previous day.
- direct** "I shall tell Mary to come," said Mark.  
**indirect** Mark said that he would tell Mary to go.
- direct** "Have you finished your work, Roy?" asked the teacher.  
**indirect** The teacher asked Roy whether / if he had finished his work.
- direct** "Where do you live?" the police officer asked the girl.  
**indirect** The police officer asked the girl where she lived.
- direct** "Will Steven accept the gift?" Kate asked me.  
**indirect** Kate asked me whether / if Steven would accept the gift.

When **direct speech** is changed to **indirect speech**, **the tense of the verb remains the same when the statement is true.**

**Review these.**

- **direct** The teacher said, "Lions **are** carnivorous animals."
- **indirect** The teacher said that lions **are** carnivorous animals.

When **direct speech** is changed to **indirect speech**, **the tense of the verb remains the same when the introductory verb is in the present tense.**

**Review these.**

- **direct** Anna says, "The baby **is sleeping.**"
- **indirect** Anna says that the baby **is sleeping.**