

UNIT 22

DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPEECH

REVIEW

When we quote the exact words spoken by someone, it is in **direct speech**.

When we report what someone says, it is in **indirect speech**.

When **direct speech** is changed to **indirect speech**,

- (i) the **verbs in the present tense are changed to the past tense** and
- (ii) **'I' becomes 'he' or 'she' and 'we' becomes 'they'**.

Review these.

- Mr Smith said, "**I work** in a big company."
direct speech

Mr Smith said that **he worked** in a big company.
indirect speech

- Nancy and Molly said, "**We like** music."
direct speech

Nancy and Molly said that **they liked** music.
indirect speech

- James said, "**My** uncle **lives** in Japan."
direct speech direct speech

James said that **his** uncle **lived** in Japan.
indirect speech indirect speech

- The doctor said, "The patient **is** very weak."
direct speech

The doctor said that the patient **was** very weak.
indirect speech

- Joyce said, "**I** usually **eat** out once a week."
direct speech direct speech

Joyce said that **she** usually **ate** out once a week.
indirect speech indirect speech

- Mary said, "**I am** going to the beach."
direct speech

Mary said that **she was** going to the beach.
indirect speech

- My brother said, "**I want** to be a doctor."
direct speech

My brother said that **he wanted** to be a doctor.
indirect speech