

UNIT 27

DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPEECH

REVIEW

The **present tense** in **direct speech** is changed to the **past tense** in **indirect speech**.

Review these.

- Bill said, "I **jog** in the park."
Bill said that he **jogged** in the park.
- John said, "I **like** it."
John said that he **liked** it.

When reporting **requests** and **commands**, we use the 'to infinitive'.

- "**Wait** for me, Jim," said Mary.
Mary asked Jim **to wait** for her.
- "**Do** your work quietly," said the teacher to the students.
The teacher told the students **to do** their work quietly.

When reporting **questions**, 'if' or 'whether' is used.

- "Mrs Brown, **can** I go home?" Sam asked.
Sam asked Mrs Brown **if** he could go home.
- "**Can** you cycle, John?" Connie asked.
Connie asked John **whether** he could cycle.

We also change **modals** and **words that show time**.

Direct speech	Indirect speech
can	could
shall / will	would
may	might
this	that
these	those
here	there
now	then
today	that day
yesterday	the day before
tomorrow	the next day

Review these.

- David said, "I am glad to be **here this** morning."
David said that he was glad to be **there that** morning.
- The boys said, "We **will** win the race **tomorrow**."
The boys said that they **would** win the race **the next day**.