

Narration: Reported to Reporting Speech

- **Reporting statement sentences:**

In a statement speech, we will use that before the reported statement and the reported verb will be told (followed by an object) or said (will not be followed by an object).

Example:

Direct: Anil said, "I like the book"

Indirect: anil said that he liked the book.

Direct: Mona said, "I want you to sing"

Indirect: Mona told me to sing.

- **Reported imperative sentences;**

We will use to as joining clause before the reported command or request, and the reported verb will be changed according to the moods of the sentences (e.g., **ordered, requested, urged, advised, forbade or bagged**).

Example:

Direct: the man said, "Please bring me a chair"

Indirect: the man requested to bring him a chair.

Direct: the officer said, "Go back"

Indirect: the officer ordered to go back.

Direct: Mohan said, "Listen to your parents"

Indirect: Mohan advised me to listen my parents.

Direct: Mr Anuj said, "Do not go near the house"

Indirect: Mr Anuj forbade going near the house.

- **Reporting Exclamatory sentences:**

To change direct exclamatory speeches to the indirect one we need to replace interjection (hurrah, **wow**, **alas**, **oh**, etc.) with joining clause that and the exclamatory wh-words (**what or how**) will be replaced by very before the adjective in the reported clause.

Example:

Direct: Aman said, "hurrah! Mohan won the match"

Indirect: Aman exclaimed with joy that Mohan had won the match.

- **Tense**

Usually, the present changes to past tense while we change direct to indirect speech.

- **Simple present tense to simple past tense:**

Example:

Direct: he said, "I work in New York times"

Indirect: he said that he worked in New York Times.

Direct: they said. "We love each other"

Indirect: they said that they loved each other.

Exceptions: if the content still true or happening then we do not need to change the tense in the reported speech. Like;

Direct: she said, "I live in Paris"

Indirect: She said that she lives in Paris.

- **Present continuous to past continuous tense**

Example:

Direct: Ramu said, "I am reading the newspaper"

Indirect: Ramu said that he was reading the newspaper.

Direct: Babul said, "We are playing cricket"

Indirect: Babul said that they were playing cricket.

- **Present perfect to past perfect tense:**

Example;

Direct: Mona said, "I have got my result"

Indirect: Mona said that she had got her result.

Direct: the teacher said, "The dates of the exam have decided"

Indirect: the teacher announced that the dates of the exam had decided.

- **Present perfect continuous to past perfect continuous**

Example:

Direct: the teacher asked, “how long have you been working here?”

Indirect: the teacher asked me how long I had been working there.

Direct: the boy said, “I have been waiting for my mother since morning”

Indirect: the boy said that he had been waiting for his mother since morning.

- **Simple past to past perfect tense:**

Example:

Direct: Robert said, “My mother gave me a new watch on my birthday”

Indirect: Robert said that his mother had given him a new watch on his birthday.

Direct: The teacher said, “The Taj mahal built during the time of Mughal empire”

Indirect; The teacher said that the Taj mahal had built during the time of Mughal Empire.

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