

***Narration: Reported to Reporting Speech***

- **Past continuous to past perfect continuous tense:**

Example:

Direct: Rani said, “Mohan was leaving in Delhi”

Indirect: Rani said that Mohan had been living in Delhi.

Direct: Manish said, “I was dialling your number, and you called”

Indirect: Manish said that he had been calling dialling my number, and I had called.

**Note:** if two sentences are combined with a conjunction, and both sentences have different tenses then we need to change the tense of both sentences according to the rule.

- **Past perfect tense does not change in the indirect speech;**

Example:

Direct: Arjun said, “I had stopped smoking”

Indirect: Arjun said that he had stopped smoking.

- **Simple future tense to present conditional;**

Example:

Direct: Smith said, "My parents will be there at 9am"

Indirect: Smith said that his parents would be there at 9am.

- **Modals:**

Modal verbs like shall, will, can, may, change in reported speech.

Example;

Direct: Rahul said, "I will be there"

Indirect: Rahul promised that he would be there.

Direct: the boy said, "May I come in"?

Indirect: the boy asked if he could come in. (note: may become could if it implies permission.)

Direct: "I shall work more" said Ram Lal,

Indirect: Ram Lal said that he would work more.

Note: shall becomes should if it implies a question.

- **Modal verbs like could, should, need, must, might, used to do not change in reported speech.**

Example:

Direct: She said, "I would not be the victim"

Indirect; She said that she would not be the victim.

Direct: David said, "You need to repair the car"

Indirect: David said that I need to repair the car.

- **Adverbs and demonstratives:**

Indirect speech differs from the direct speech' time and place. When someone is conveying the message to the listener, the speaker might not be on the same day or place. So, the demonstrative (this, that etc.) and the adverb time and place (here, there, today, now, etc.) change. We can look into the following chart for the usual change:

<b>Direct</b>	<b>indirect</b>
Now	then/ at that moment
Today	that day
Tomorrow	the next day
Yesterday	the previous day
Come	go
Bring	take
This	that

Example:

Direct: Murli said, “ Suman read Shakespeare yesterday”

Indirect: Murli said that Suman had read Shakespeare the day before.

Direct: mother said, “Come home now.”

Indirect: mother ordered me to go home at that moment.

Direct: Raja said, “Bring the money with you”

Indirect: Raja demanded to take the money with me.

Direct: The king said, “We will meet here tomorrow”

Indirect: The king announced to meet there the next day.

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