

Degree - i (Sub)

Subject- English Language

Narration – Direct and Indirect Speech

‘Sentence with question tags’

Direct

He said to me, “you are going to the cinema, aren’t you?”

She said to me, “you did not break the mirror” did you?”

Indirect

He asked me whether I was going to the cinema.

She asked me whether I had broken the mirror.

Note: under inverted commas, there are question tags.

We don’t use question tags while we change direct into indirect.

Sentence with ‘have to’, ‘had to’

Direct

He said, “I have to play a match”

Indirect

He said that he had to play a match.

He said, "After the lunch, "I had to go home'" He said that after the lunch he had had to go home.

In indirect speech, we change have to into had to according to the general rules of grammar, but had to in indirect speech changes into had had to.

Mixed Type

Direct

He said, 'I am a student. I have studied for three years.'

Aman said, 'I have to be back this evening. A friend of mine is coming to see me.'

Indirect

He said that he was a student. He added that he had studied for three years.

Aman said that he had to be back that morning. A friend of his was coming to see him.

Note: Inside inverted commas, we find more than one statement.

In indirect speech, sometimes we use added, further added, went on to say for the sake of the meaning of the sentence according to its necessity.

Sometimes, we ignore using added, further added etc.

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