

**Topic**

Direct & Indirect Speech

**Class**

8/9/10

**Approach**Read, Recall, Check, Practice,
Ask**Let's Read:****Direct and indirect speech****Direct Speech**

“Please forgive me!”
the mouse said to lion.

Indirect Speech

The mouse requested the
lion to forgive him.

Try it:

1. What did the monkey **ask** the lion?
2. What did the lion **tell** the monkey?

Rules:

To simplify the process of converting **direct** to **indirect speech**, remember the following rules:

- Put the name first of the person who spoke
- Use action words (following the name), such as said, told, replied, asked, ...
- Some words change – I – he/she ; me – him/her ; we – they ; us – them ; today – that day ; tomorrow – the next day ; yesterday – the day before ; here – there ; will - would

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
<i>Present Simple</i>	<i>Past simple</i>
<i>Present continuous</i>	<i>Past continuous</i>
<i>Present perfect</i>	<i>Past perfect</i>
<i>Present perfect continuous</i>	<i>Past perfect continuous</i>
<i>Simple past</i>	<i>Past perfect</i>
<i>Past continuous</i>	<i>Past perfect continuous</i>
<i>Past perfect</i>	<i>Past perfect(no change)</i>
<i>Will</i>	<i>Would</i>
<i>Can</i>	<i>Could</i>

DIRECT SPEECH**INDIRECT SPEECH**

Now	then / at that time
Tonight	last night, that night, on Monday night
Today	yesterday, that day, on Monday
Yesterday	the day before /the previous day, on Sunday
last night	the previous night /the night before, on Sunday night
tomorrow	today, the following day, on Tuesday
this week	last week, that week
last month	the previous month /the month before, in June
next year	this year, the following year/the year after
five minutes ago	five minutes before
in two hours' time	two hours later

Examples:

Dravid: "There is an excellent band playing later on."

Dravid said there was an excellent band playing later on.

The driver: "I'm going to turn right at the traffic lights."

The driver said he was going to turn right at the traffic lights.

Directions: Complete the sentences in reported speech.
(Note the change of pronouns in some sentences.)

1. She said, "Go upstairs."
2. "Close the door behind you," he told me.
3. "Don't be late," he advised us.
4. "Stop staring at me," she said.
5. "Don't be angry with me," he said.
6. "Leave me alone," she said.
7. "Don't drink and drive," she warned us.
8. "John, stop smoking," she said.
9. "Don't worry about us," they said.
10. "Meet me at the cinema." he said.

KEY:

1. She said, "Go upstairs."
She told me to go upstairs.
2. "Close the door behind you," he told me.
He told me to close the door behind me.
3. "Don't be late," he advised us.
He advised us not to be late.
4. "Stop staring at me," she said.
She told him to stop staring at her.
5. "Don't be angry with me," he said.
He asked her not to be angry with him.
6. "Leave me alone," she said.
She told me to leave her alone.
7. "Don't drink and drive," she warned us.
She warned us not to drink and drive.
8. "John, stop smoking," she said.
She told John to stop smoking.
9. "Don't worry about us," they said.
They told her not to worry about them.
10. "Meet me at the cinema," he said.
He asked me to meet him at the cinema.

ASK: *If you are still in doubt, please reach out to your teacher and get your doubt cleared for better understanding.*