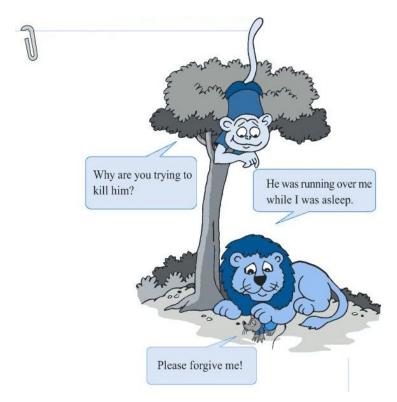


### Let's Read:

## **Direct and indirect speech**



Direct Speech
"Please forgive me!"
the mouse said to lion.

**Try it:** 

- 1. What did the monkey **ask** the lion?
- 2. What did the lion <u>tell</u> the monkey?

Indirect Speech

The mouse requested the lion to forgive him.

#### **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

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

#### 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.

# <u>Directions</u>: Complete the sentences in reported speech. (<u>Note the change of pronouns in some sentences.</u>)

- 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.
- "Don't be late," he advised us.He advised us not to be late.
- Stop staring at me," she said.She told him to stop staring at her.
- "Don't be angry with me," he said.He asked her not to be angry with him.
- "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.
- "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.