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**Lesson 1:**

**Direct and indirect speech**

Reported speech is when we tell someone what another person said. To do this we can use **direct** or **indirect speech.**

* **Direct speech:**

**Direct** speech **repeats**, or **quotes** the exact words spoken. When we use direct speech in writing, we place the words spoken between **quotation marks** (" ") and there is **no change** in these words.

**e.g.**

“I work in a bank,” he said.

“I like swimming,” I said

She said, “My father is ill”.

* **Indirect speech:**

**Reported** or **indirect** speech is usually used to talk about the **past**, so we normally **change the tense** of the words spoken. We use reporting verbs like 'say', 'tell', 'ask', and we may use the word **'that'** to introduce the reported words. Quotation marks are not used.

**e.g.**

**Direct speech:** “I work in a bank”, he said.

**Indirect speech:** he said that he worked in a bank.

* When we use the indirect speech (or reported speech) we may need to change other words that were used, like pronouns, time markers and expressions of place.
* **N.B** In reported speech, “that” is not necessary, it may be omitted. **E.g**. She told him that she was happy. = She told him she was happy.
* Use 'tell' when you say who was being spoken to (with an indirect object):

**E.g.** He told me that he was tired.

* **This is how tenses change from direct speech to indirect speech:**

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| **Direct speech** | **Indirect speech** |
| Present simple  Present continuous  Present perfect  Past simple  future | Past simple  Past continuous  Past perfect  Past perfect  Conditional |

* Remember that time and place adverbials, and demonstratives change in the indirect speech:

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| Today  Yesterday  Last month (week, year,…)  Two days ago  Tomorrow  Next year  Here  this | that day  the day before  the month (week, year,…) before  two days before  the following day / the day after  the following year / the year after  there  that |

**e.g.**

She said, “I **saw** him”. **(Direct speech)**

She said **that she** **had seen** him. **(Indirect speech)**

He said to me, “I **am writing** a poem for you”.

He told me **that he was writing** a poem for me.

“I **have** never **travelled** by plane,” I said.

I said that I **had** never **travelled** by plane.

“You **will have** a test soon,” the teacher said to the students.

The teacher told the students that **they would have** a test soon.

“It rained heavily **yesterday**,” she said.

She said that it had rained heavily **the day before**.

“I will be at university **next year**,” she said.

She said that she would be at university **the following year.**

**Lesson 2:**

**Wh- questions**

Are also known as special questions, they are those questions that ask for details and require full answers.

They begin with wh- words, such as:

**What – who – when – why – how – how many…**

**e.g.**

**When** did they leave the country? 🡪 They left the country in 1995

**Who** did you talk to? 🡪 I talked to the manager.

**How** many brothers have you got? 🡪 I have got two brothers.

* **Here are the wh- words:**

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| **When the question is about :** | **We use** | **Example** |
| A person  (subject or object) | **Who** | Nabil enjoys swimming.  🡪Who enjoys swimming?  They met Nadia outside the cinema.  🡪Who did they meet outside the cinema? |
| a thing | **What** | Brad is doing crosswords.  🡪What is Brad doing? |
| place | **Where** | She lives in Canada.  🡪Where does she live? |
| Time (moment) | **When** | It snowed two days ago.  🡪When did it snow? |
| Cause | **Why** | He is sweating because he has been running all the way home.  🡪Why is he sweating? |
| Time | **What time** | The plane will take off at 3 o’clock.  🡪What time will the plane take off? |
| Manner | **How** | He got into the house by climbing the tree near a window.  🡪How did he get into the house? |
| Number | **How many** | I have bought three books.  🡪How many books have you bought? |
| Quantity or price | **How much** | This car costs 10.000$.  🡪How much does this car cost? |
| Duration or length | **How long** | He stayed two months in a hotel.  🡪How long did he stay in a hotel? |
| Distance | **How far** | Blida is 50km far from Algiers.  🡪How far is Blida from Algiers? |
| Age | **How old** | Steve is 28 years old.  🡪How old is Steve? |