

## INDIRECT SPEECH

*I Fill in the blanks.*

<i>DIRECT SPEECH</i>	<i>INDIRECT SPEECH</i>
<b>Present Simple</b> He said, "I study history."	<b>Past Simple</b> He said he ..... history.
<b>Present Continuous</b> He said, "I am coming."	<b>Past Continuous</b> He said he .....
<b>Past Simple</b> He said, "She left yesterday."	<b>Past Perfect</b> He said she ..... the day before.
<b>Past Continuous</b> He said, "I was waiting for you."	<b>Past Perfect Continuous</b> He said he ..... for me.
<b>Present Perfect</b> He said, "I have just met her."	<b>Past Perfect</b> He said he ..... just ..... her.
<b>Present Perfect Continuous</b> He said, "He has been living here for 5 years."	<b>Past Perfect Continuous</b> He said he ..... there for 5 years. "
<b>Past Perfect</b> He said, "I had already eaten "	<b>Past Perfect</b> He said he ..... already .....
<b>Past Perfect Continuous</b> He said, "I had been studying French for 2 years"	<b>Past Perfect Continuous</b> He said he ..... French for 2 years.
<b>will/can/may</b> "I will/can/may do it."	<b>would/could/might</b> He said he ..... do it.
<b>would/could/might</b> "I would/could/might come if ..."	<b>would/could/might</b> He said he .....

	come.
<b>must</b> He said, "I must borrow some money."	<b>had to/would have to</b> He said he ..... some money.
<b>must</b> He said, "You must be joking."	<b>must</b> He said she ..... be joking.
<b>should</b> He said, "I should call a doctor."	<b>should</b> He said he ..... call a doctor.
<b>imperative</b> He said, "Be quiet!"	<b>infinitive</b> He told me .....

*Change the following sentences into Indirect Speech.*

1. I don't know .....  
How long does it take to get to the theatre?

2. I'd like to know .....  
What issues should I mention?

3. Do you know .....  
Will it be alright to ask him not to come?

4. I can't remember .....  
Is the railway station far away?

5. I'll ask Mary to remind me .....  
When did we have our last reunion?

6. I've got to find out .....  
What are they talking about?

7. I don't know .....  
What did he do?

8. I can't remember .....  
Are you coming on Friday or Saturday?

9. I've got to ask somebody.....  
Do I need any documents?

10. I wonder .....  
How much is it?

11. I asked the conductor .....  
Excuse me, can you tell me where I can buy a ticket?

12. He wanted to know .....  
When will the meeting start?

13. I didn't know .....  
Why did you move to England?

14. Did you know .....  
How did Tom meet Susan?

15. I asked him .....  
Are you ready to hear the truth?

16. I had to know.....  
Are you going home now or are you going to stay a while more?

17. I wondered .....  
How many times has he made the same mistake?

18. He asked me .....  
What's the new city code?

19. Did anyone tell you .....  
When are the renovations to the consulate going to be finished?

20. She asked me .....  
When did you graduate from college?

21. She wanted to know.....  
Do you like to work in a team?

22. She asked me .....  
How much money did you earn at your last job?

23. The boss was curious to find out .....  
How often are you late for work?

24. She kept asking .....  
Do you mind working at weekends?

25. She wanted to know .....  
What were you doing yesterday between 2 and 5?

26. She asked me to show her .....  
How would you solve the problem?

27. She even asked me .....  
How long have you been seeing each other?

28. He asked his colleague .....  
How can you be so rude to me?

### *III What did these people say in Direct Speech?*

1. You said, "....."  
!"  
You said you would help me.

2. She asked me, ".....?"  
She asked me when we were going to leave.

3. Peter said, "....."  
Peter said he might bring someone with him to the party.

4. My friend said, "....."  
My friend told me he would have finished his homework by the time I arrived.

5. Mark asked me, ".....?"  
Mark asked me why I wanted to study Russian.

6. Marcia said, "I ....."  
Marcia said she had been waiting for me for over an hour.

7. Alison said, "I ....."  
Alison told me she had already had dinner.

8. John said, ".....!"

John said he wanted to tell me what to do.

9. Jason asked me, “..... ?”  
Jason asked me ifl was coming with him.

10. She said, ”..... “  
She told me that she had worked there since she had graduated.

#### *IV Change the following dialogue into Indirect Speech*

##### ***An Examination of Paolo Caliari Veronese by the Inquisition***

In 1573 Veronese was summoned before the Tribunal of the Holy Office and charged with introducing fanciful and disrespectful details in one of his famous Suppers. Following is the record of his examination.

He was asked his profession.

A: I paint and make pictures.

Q: Do you know the reason why you have been summoned?

A: No, my Lords.

Q: Can you imagine it?

A: I surely can.

Q: Tell us what you imagine?

A: [That I am supposed] to substitute a figure of the Magdalen in the place of the dog. I would willingly do this or anything else for my own credit and the advantage of this picture, but I do not feel that a figure of the Magdalen would look good there, for many reasons which I am ready to state whenever I have an opportunity.

Q: Which picture are you referring to? A: A picture of the last supper that Jesus Christ took with His apostles in the house of Simon. Q: In this supper you painted what is the meaning of the figure of the man with the bleeding nose? A: I did him for a servant, whose nose, owing to some incident, may have been bleeding.

Q: What is the meaning of those armed men, dressed in the German fashion each with a halberd in his hand?

A: Here I need to say a few words.

Q: Say them.

A: We painters take the same liberties as poets or madmen take. I painted them because it seemed to me that the master of the house, who was great and rich, according to what I have been told, should have such servants.

Q: Who is sitting at our Lord's table?

A: The twelve Apostles.

Q: Who do you really believe were present at that Supper?

A: I believe Christ and His Apostles were present, but if in a picture there remains unfilled space, I adorn it with figures, according to my inventions.

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## **COMMON ERRORS**

(~) He said that he lives round the comer. I

(+) He said that he lived round the corner.

(-) The policeman wanted to know where did I live?

(+) The policeman wanted to know where I lived.

He said: "If I saw him in the street, I would not recognize him."

(-) He said that if he had seen him in the street he would not have recognized him.

(+) He said that if he saw him in the street, he would not recognize him.