

English

Transforming Direct to Indirect Discourse and Vice-versa





To the Learner

Hi! Did you have a nice time in the previous session? Get ready for another interesting and lively time with me.



Let's Learn This

This module is about Transforming Direct to Indirect Discourse and Vice-versa.



Let's Try This

Directions: Read the Direct Discourse. Change it to Indirect Discourse. Study the example and note the changes.

Example: Ramon said, "I want to see Aimon."
Ramon said that he wanted to see Aimon.

1. Father said, "I want to see the show."

2. Edna reported, "Mother likes to go with the group."

3. Carl exclaimed, "I do not want to go."

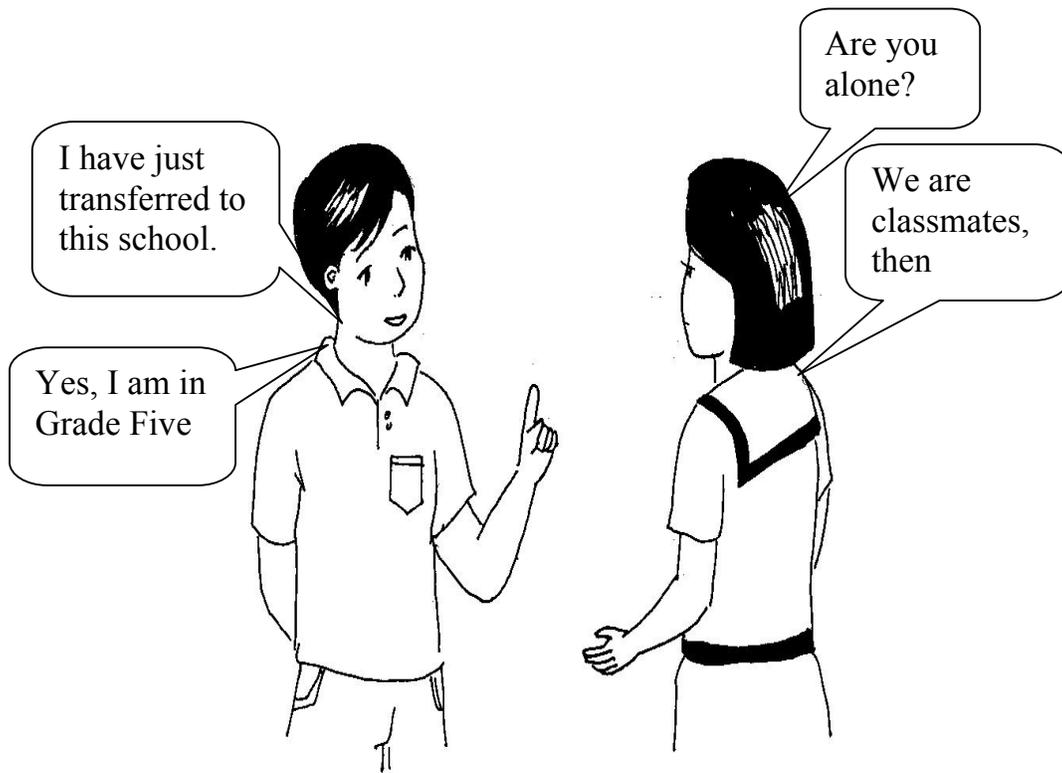
4. Mother said, "I will stay with Carl."

5. Father concluded, "Nobody will go."



Let's Study this

Read the conversation. Study the exact words of the speaker.



- What is Nilo's first statement?
 - I have just transferred to this school is Nilo's first statement.
- Are these Nilo's exact words? (Yes)
- How are we going to report Nilo's exact words?
- What are used to set off the exact words of Nilo? (quotation marks and comma)
- What words are used after the exact words of Nilo?
- What about Rosa's answer, how should it be reported?
- What are used to set off the exact words of Rosa? (quotation marks and comma)

- What words are used after the exact words of Rosa?
- The exact words of Nilo and Rosa when reported are called the Direct Discourse.

Study the conversation as reported.

- Ana said, "I have just transferred to this school."
- Rosa asked, "Are you alone?"
- "Yes, I am in Grade V," Ana answered.
- "We are classmates, then," Rosa said.

- What are used to set off the exact words of Ana and Rosa?
(quotation marks and comma)
- How are the exact words of the speaker reported?
 - The exact words are reported as direct discourse.

Look at the statement.

Ana said that she had just transferred to this school.

- Are these the exact words of Ana? (No.)
- What are the changes in Ana's statement?

Reporting what a speaker says without quoting his exact words is an Indirect Discourse.

Take note of this statement.

Rosa asked if she was alone.

- Are these the exact words of Rosa? (No.)
- What changes take place when the questions reported are not the exact words?

- So, what happens then when we transform Direct Discourse to Indirect Discourse?

Direct Discourse is the exact words of the speaker as reported by another person.

Quotation marks and a comma set off the exact words of the speaker.

Indirect Discourse is reporting what a speaker says without quoting his exact words.

To change a direct discourse to indirect discourse that is used to introduce the subordinate clause and the quotation marks and comma are omitted.

When the direct discourse is a question, in transforming it to indirect discourse the word if is used to introduce the subordinate clause.



Let's Do This

Read the Direct Discourse. Change them to Indirect Discourse. Write under Column B.

Column A

1. Mother said, "Study your lessons."
2. "I have already studied my lesson," Lito answered.
3. Lito asked, "Could I sleep now, Mother?"
4. "You can go to sleep," Mother replied.
5. "Are you tired, Mother?" Lito asked.

Column B

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Check your answers against the Answer Key, Learner.
Good result?
Nice work, Learner.



Let's Do More

Now, let us find how far have you understood the lesson.

Directions: Read the sentences carefully. Transform them to Direct Discourse.

1. The teacher said that the assignment should be passed.

2. My classmate asked if we would check the assignment.

3. Teacher announced that visitors were coming.

4. A pupil asked if he could leave the room.

5. The teacher replied that he was permitted.



Let's Remember This

A direct discourse is the exact words of the speaker as reported by another person.

Quotation marks and a comma are used to set off the words of the speaker.

Indirect discourse is reporting what a speaker says without quoting his exact words.

To change a direct discourse in a statement form to indirect discourse use the word that to introduce the subordinate clause.

To transform a direct course in question form to indirect discourse use the word if to introduce the



Let's Test Ourselves

Directions: Read the sentences. Classify them into Direct Discourse and Indirect Discourse.

1. Mother asked if Alvin has thought of a gift for his friend.
2. "I do not have any idea, Mother," Alvin answered.
3. "A pair of love birds is a unique gift," his father said.
4. "Is the gift ready, Alvin?" their teacher inquired.
5. Alvin replied that he would not give a gift anymore.



Let's Enrich Ourselves

Read the situation below. Underline the direct discourse once and the indirect discourse twice.

Romy was the youngest child in the family. His parents, brothers and sister were telling him many things to do one Saturday. Father said, "Study your lessons before watching TV." Mother said that he would have to wash the dishes first. Brother Ronnie said, "Help me look for my project, Romy." His other brother asked if he could repair his cellphone. Sister Liza said, "Please color my art works for me, Romy."



Answer Key

Let's Try This

1. Father said that he wanted to see the show.
2. Edna reported that mother liked to go with the group.
3. Carl exclaimed that he did not want to go.
4. Mother said that she would stay with Carl.
5. Father concluded that nobody would go.

Let's Do This

Column B

1. Mother said that he would study his lessons.
2. Lito answered that he had already studied his lessons.
3. Lito asked mother if he could sleep.
4. Mother replied that he could go to sleep.
5. Lito asked mother if she was tired.

Let's Do More

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2. My classmate asked, "Will we check the assignment?"
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Direct Discourse

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Indirect Discourse

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