

## Introduction to Reported Speech

Read the introduction to reported speech and answer the questions that follow:

Reported speech is a fundamental concept in English language and grammar. It involves conveying what someone else has said, without using their exact words. This can be done using direct or indirect speech. Direct speech is when we quote someone's exact words, while indirect speech is when we paraphrase or summarize what they said.

1. What is the main difference between direct and indirect speech?

2. Provide an example of direct speech and indirect speech.

## Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct answer for each question:

1. Which of the following is an example of direct speech?

- a) She said that she would meet me at 5.
- b) "I will meet you at 5," she said.
- c) He told me that he was going to the store.
- d) "I'm going to the store," he said.

2. What is the correct form of the verb in reported speech for the sentence, "I am going to the movies," he said?

- a) am going
- b) was going
- c) is going
- d) were going



## Short Answer Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences:

1. Convert the following direct speech into indirect speech, explaining the rule applied: "It's raining," said John.

2. Briefly explain the difference between direct and indirect speech, providing an example of each.

## Essay Question

Write a short essay explaining the concept of reported speech, including how to convert direct speech into indirect speech and discussing the importance of tense changes. Provide examples to support your explanations.

## Case Study

*You overhear a conversation between two people discussing their plans for the weekend. One person says, "I'm going to the beach on Saturday." Convert this into indirect speech and explain the changes you made, including any tense changes and why they were necessary.*

## Fill in the Blanks

*Complete the following sentences using the correct form of reported speech:*

1. He said that he \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the store yesterday.

2. She told me that she \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) breakfast already.

## Error Analysis

Identify and correct the errors in the following reported speech sentences:

1. He said that he going to the movies.

2. She told me that she has eaten breakfast already.

## Matching

Match the direct speech sentences with their corresponding indirect speech sentences:

1. "I will meet you at 5," she said.
- a) She said that she would meet me at 5.
  - b) She said that she will meet me at 5.

2. "I am going to the beach," he said.
- a) He said that he was going to the beach.
  - b) He said that he is going to the beach.

## Sentence Completion

Complete the following sentences using the correct form of reported speech:

1. By the time I arrived, they \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) their project.

2. She said that she \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) to the movies before.

## Short Answer Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences:

1. Explain the difference between direct and indirect speech, providing an example of each.

2. Describe a situation where you would use reported speech in a conversation.

## Conclusion

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*Reflect on what you have learned about reported speech and how you can apply it in your daily conversations. Write a short paragraph summarizing the key points and providing examples to support your explanations.*

