



## Introduction to Reported Speech

*Welcome to this interactive worksheet on mastering reported speech through real-life conversations and role-playing exercises. This worksheet is designed to help you understand and practice reported speech in a fun and engaging way.*

Reported speech is a way of conveying what someone else has said, using your own words. It is an essential language skill that allows us to communicate effectively in various contexts.

## Exercise 1: Identifying Direct and Indirect Speech

*Read the following sentences and identify whether they are direct or indirect speech:*

1. "I am going to the store," said John. (Direct/Indirect)
2. John said he was going to the store. (Direct/Indirect)
3. "What time is it?" asked Sarah. (Direct/Indirect)
4. Sarah asked what time it was. (Direct/Indirect)

## Exercise 2: Converting Direct to Indirect Speech

*Convert the following direct speech sentences into indirect speech:*

1. "I will meet you at 5 pm," said John.
2. "What is your name?" asked the teacher.
3. "I love reading books," said Emily.

## Exercise 3: Role-Playing

*Divide into pairs and role-play the following scenarios:*

1. A job interview
2. A conversation with a friend about plans for the weekend
3. A discussion with a family member about a current event

Use reported speech to convey what the other person said.

#### Exercise 4: Reported Speech in Context

*Read the following passage and identify the examples of reported speech:*

"John said he was going to the store. He told me that he would buy some milk. I asked him what time he would be back, and he said he would be back by 6 pm."

#### Exercise 5: Creating Your Own Dialogue

*Create your own dialogue using reported speech. Write a short conversation between two people and then report what they said using indirect speech.*

## Conclusion

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*Congratulations on completing this worksheet! You have now practiced and understood the basics of reported speech. Remember to practice regularly to improve your communication skills.*

For more practice and resources, visit our website or consult your teacher.

## Assessment

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*Evaluate your understanding of reported speech by completing the following quiz:*

1. What is the difference between direct and indirect speech?
2. How do you convert direct speech into indirect speech?
3. What are some common errors to avoid when using reported speech?

## Answer Key

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*Check your answers with the following answer key:*

1. Direct speech is a quote of someone's exact words, while indirect speech is a report of what someone said without quoting their exact words.
2. To convert direct speech into indirect speech, you need to change the verb tense, pronouns, and time expressions.
3. Common errors to avoid include incorrect verb tense changes, incorrect pronoun usage, and failure to provide context.

