

Dated: 20/2/24 ENGLISH COMPOSITION  
Assignment # 1

Converting Direct Speech into Indirect

1. Direct: Boys said, "It has been raining since morning. We cannot play today."

Indirect: The boys said that it had been raining since morning and they couldn't play that day. ✓

2. Direct: She said to him, "I am leaving now and shall return after two hours."

Indirect: She told him that she was leaving <sup>then</sup> and would return after two hours. ✓

3. Direct: The girl has said to me, "My father went to the market and brought toys for me."

Indirect: The girl ~~has~~ told me that her father ~~went~~ to the market and brought toys for her. <sup>gone</sup>

4. Direct: Her husband said to her, "I shall not go to the office today as I am not feeling well."

Indirect: Her husband told her that he would not go to the office that day as he was not feeling well. ✓

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5. Direct: My father said to me, "I fear that you have caught cold again."

Indirect: My father told me that he feared that I had caught cold again.

6. Direct: His brother said to me, "I am not going to attend the meeting today."

Indirect: His brother told me that he was not going to attend the meeting that day.

7. Direct: The inspector said to the people, "We have caught the thief and he will be brought to book soon."

Indirect: The inspector told the people that they had caught the thief and he would be brought to book soon.

8. Direct: The lady said to her husband, "Whether you agree with me or not I am not going to change my decision."

Indirect: The lady told her husband that whether he agreed with her or not, she was not going to change her decision.

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9. Direct: The landlord said to the young man, "If you do not pay your rent by evening today you will have to leave the house immediately."

Indirect: The landlord <sup>warned</sup> told the young man that if he did not pay his rent by evening that day, he ~~would~~ have to leave the house immediately.

10. Direct: His wife said to him, "Do you know that my servant stole our money?"

Indirect: His wife asked him ~~whether~~ he knew that her servant had stolen their money.

11. Direct: Her friend said to her, "Can you spare your book for me for a week?"

Indirect: Her friend asked her if she could spare her book for her for ~~a~~ week.

12. Direct: She said to him, "Can I do anything for you? Will you mind my extending help to you?"

Indirect: She asked him if she could do anything for him and if he ~~would~~ mind her extending help to him.

13. Direct: His friend said to him, "Did I not warn you against this beforehand?"

Indirect: He~~s~~ friend asked him if he had not warned him against that<sup>✓</sup> beforehand.

14. Direct: The captain said to the players, "Will you put your heart and soul in playing the game so that we may win the match?"

Indirect: The captain asked the players if they would put their heart and soul in playing the game so that<sup>✓</sup> they might win the match.