

CLASS NOTES

Class: VIII

Topic: DIRECT & INDIRECT SPEECH

Subject: ENGLISH

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Phrase in direct speech	Equivalent in reported speech
Simple present	Simple past
"I always drink coffee", she said	She said that she always drank coffee.
Present continuous	Past continuous
"I am reading a book", he explained.	He explained that he was reading a book
Simple past	Past perfect
"Bill arrived on Saturday", he said.	He said that Bill had arrived on Saturday.
Present perfect	Past perfect
"I have been to Spain", he told me.	He told me that he had been to Spain.

Phrase in direct speech	Equivalent in reported speech
Past perfect	Past perfect
"I had just turned out the light," he explained.	He explained that he had just turned out the light.
Present perfect continuous	Past perfect continuous
They complained, "We have been waiting for hours".	They complained that they had been waiting for hours.
Past continuous	Past perfect continuous
"We were living in Paris", they told me.	They told me that they had been living in Paris.
Future	Present conditional
"I will be in Geneva on Monday", he said.	He said that he would be in Geneva on Monday.
Future continuous	Conditional continuous
She said, "I'll be using the car next Friday".	She said that she would be using the car next Friday.

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
They said, "Hurrah! We won the game".	They exclaimed with joy that they had won the game.
She said, "Hurrah! I passed the exam".	She exclaimed with joy that she had passed the exam.
He said, "Alas! I failed the exam".	He exclaimed with sorrow that he had failed the exam.
She said, "Oh! I lost my purse."	She exclaimed with sorrow that she had lost her purse.
She said, "Wow! What a beautiful flower it is".	She exclaimed with wonder that what a beautiful flower it was.
She said, "Wow! What a beautiful shirt it is".	She exclaimed with wonder that what a beautiful shirt it was.
He said, "Wow! What an interesting story it is".	He exclaimed with wonder that what an interesting story it was.
David said to him, "How intelligent you are!"	David exclaimed with wonder that how intelligent he was.

Now practice these questions.

Question I. Choose the most appropriate answer for the given questions.

- Nancy said, "I may leave tomorrow."
 - Nancy said that she might leave the next day.
 - Nancy said that she might leave tomorrow.
 - Nancy asked if she should leave the next day.
 - Nancy informed me to leave tomorrow.
- Keshav said, "Rita is busy right now."
 - Keshav said Rita was busy.
 - Keshav said that Rita was busy then.
 - Keshav said Rita had been busy.
 - Keshav informed that Rita is busy.
- Vidushi said, "We went for a summer trip."

- A. Vidushi said that they went for a summer trip.
B. Vidushi said that they were on a summer trip.
C. Vidushi said that they had gone for a summer trip.
D. Vidushi said they went for a summer trip.
4. Rahul said, "I will manage hereafter."
- A. Rahul said that he would manage hereafter.
B. Rahul said that he will manage thereafter.
C. Rahul said that he would manage thereafter.
D. Rahul said that he will manage hereafter.
5. "Alas! It can't be this bad." He said.
- A. He exclaimed with sorrow that that couldn't be that bad.
B. He grieved that it couldn't be that bad.
C. He said that it was really that bad.
D. He said with sorrow that that was bad.
6. He said, "Ah! You are here."
- A. He exclaimed with delight that I was there.
B. He said that he was delighted that I was here.
C. He exclaimed with joy to see me there.
D. He said it was a joy to see me there.
7. A leader says, "A country cannot be peaceful until good education is provided to each child."
- A. A leader says that a country could not be peaceful until good education is provided to each child.
B. A leader says that a country cannot be peaceful until good education was provided to each child.
C. A leader says that a country cannot be peaceful until good education will be provided to each child.
D. A leader says that a country cannot be peaceful until good education is provided to each child.
8. Father says, "You must guide your class fellow".
- A. Father says that we must guide our class fellows.
B. Father says that we must guided our class fellows.
C. Father says that you must be guided your class fellows.
D. Father says that we must be guided our class fellows.
9. My teacher says, "If you work hard, you will take good marks".
- A. My teacher advised if I work hard, I would take good marks.
B. My teacher advises if you work hard, you will take good marks.
C. My teacher advises if I work hard, I will take good marks.
D. My teacher advised that I worked hard, I would take good marks.
10. He said, "Bravo! You have done well".
- A. He told him Bravo! he had done well.
B. He applauded him, saying that he had done well.
C. He said bravo that he had done well.
D. He applauded him that he has done well.

