

10th English – Study Material

REPORTED SPEECH

The words spoken by a person can be reported in two ways—**Direct** and **Indirect**. When we quote the exact words spoken by a person, we call it **Direct Speech**.

- Ramu said to Mohan, “I am going to school.”

The exact words spoken by Ramu are put within inverted commas. But when we give the substance of what Ramu said, it is called the **Indirect Speech**.

- Ramu told to Mohan that he (Ramu) was going to school.

1. Reporting Clause and Reported Speech:

Ramu told Mohan that he was going to school. The words which generally come before the inverted commas are called the **reporting clause**, i.e. Ramu said to Mohan and the verb ‘said’, is called the **reporting verb**. The words spoken by Ramu and put within inverted commas are called the **reported speech**, i.e. “I am going to school.”

2. Rules for Changing Direct Speech into Indirect Speech:

- In the Indirect speech, no inverted commas are used.
- The conjunctions that, if, whether, are generally used after the reporting verb.
- The first word of the reported speech begins with a capital letter.
- The tense of the reporting verb is never changed.
- The reporting verb changes according to sense: it may be told, asked, inquired

3. Steps to be followed:

If you follow these steps your direct speech can be changed as indirect speech.

1. Speaker
2. Reporting verb
3. Listener
4. Connecting word
5. Pronoun
6. Reported verb (tense)
7. Object
8. Time & place
9. full stop.

- Eg: Ramu said to Mohan, “I am going to school.”

Ramu is the speaker.

Said to is the Reporting verb.

Mohan is the Listener.

Connecting word for the statement is “That”.

In this sentence “I” refers Ramu, so “I” need to be Changed as “HE” (because Ramu is a Male. Third person singular)

“Is playing “(Reported verb) is to be Changed as “Was playing” (present continuous tense has to be changed to past continuous tense)

“To School” is represents a place so we need to be put the same place.

Let us Change.....

Ramu told Mohan that He was going to school.

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