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Direct and indirect speech for Class 7

Practice worksheet - English · Grade 7

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Show your working. Answers and explanations follow on a separate page.

Try each task before opening its answer. Give an example or reason, not only a label.

Write an answer and your reason before opening the explanation. Check the reasoning as well as the final answer.

1. Does direct speech normally use quotation marks?

2. Report later: Ravi said, "I am ready."

3. Report later: Sara said, "I play tennis."

4. Report later: He said, "I will help."

5. Report: She asked me, "Are you hungry?"

6. Repair: He asked where did I work.

7. Report: She said to me, "Please wait."

8. Report: He said to us, "Do not shout."

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9. Repair: She told that she was busy.

10. Must tomorrow always become the next day?

11. Must I always become he?

12. Should an ordinary indirect statement retain quotation marks?

13. Can a general truth retain present tense after said?

14. Why might repeating a name improve a report?

Answers and explanations

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1. Yes.

They mark the presented spoken words.

2. Ravi said that he was ready.

This uses a third-person viewpoint and standard backshift.

3. Sara said that she played tennis.

Present simple commonly shifts to past in this exercise.

4. He said that he would help.

Will commonly becomes would.

5. She asked me whether I was hungry.

If is also possible.

6. He asked where I worked.

Reported questions use statement order.

7. She asked me to wait.

Asked fits a polite request.

8. He told us not to shout.

Not to introduces the negative instruction.

9. She said that she was busy.

Alternatively supply an object: she told me that she was busy.

10. No.

The reporting time determines the appropriate expression.

11. No.

The speaker and reporter determine the pronoun.

12. No.

It reports meaning rather than exact quoted words.

13. Yes.

Context may justify no backshift.

14. It can remove pronoun ambiguity.

Clarity matters as well as grammatical form.