

Reported Speech

Rules:

1. We need to change Direct speech as per Speaker and listener while changing to indirect speech.

2. Note how we change M.V. in assertive sentence:

Say= say that

Says= says that

Says to ___ = tells ___ that

Said=said that

Said to ___ = told ___ that

3., "-----" are removed.

Conjunction that is used after removing , "

4. Pronoun such as I, we, he, she, it, they, you are changed as per speaker and listener.

5. Words of nearness get changed into distant ones

For ex.

Come-go

Today-tomorrow

Yesterday-previous day/the day before

Tomorrow-next day

Next week/month=the following week/month

Last night-the night before

This-that

These-those

Here-there

Hither-thither

Hence-thence

thus-so

Ago-before

If it is assertive sentence we use . to end the sentence

If M.V. is Said

We must change the tense as suggested below:

is/am/= was

are =was/Were

was/were=had been

give/gives-gave

play/s=played

swim/s=swam

did =had done

wrote=had written

swam=had swum

is/am/are playing=was/were playing

have played=had played

have been writing=had been writing

wrote= had written

was playing=had been playing

had played= had played

shall/will play=would play

Change in Modals

Will =would

Can =could

must =had to

may=might

ought-ought to

See/study how tense of Direct Speeches are changed in Reported Speech:

1. Dhiren said to Smita, "I give you a book".

Dhiren told Smita that he gave her a book.

2. Dhiren said to Smita, "I am giving you a book today".

Dhiren told Smita that he was giving her a book that day.

3. Dhiren said to Smita, "I have just given you a book".

Dhiren told Smita that he had given her a book then.

4. Dhiren said to Smita, "I have been giving you a book".

Dhiren told Smita that he had been giving her a book.

5. Dhiren said to Smita, "I gave you a book yesterday".

Dhiren told Smita that he had given her a book the previous day.

6. Dhiren said to Smita, "I was giving you a book".

Dhiren told Smita that he had been giving her a book.

6. Dhiren said to Smita, "I had given you a book".

Dhiren told Smita that he had given her a book.

7. Dhiren said to Smita, "I had been giving you a book when I met you".

Dhiren told Smita that he had been giving her a book when he had met her.

8. Dhiren said to Smita, "I will give you a book tomorrow".

Dhiren told Smita that he would give her a book next day.

9. Dhiren said to Smita, "I will be giving you a book tomorrow at this time".

Dhiren told Smita that he would be giving her a book next day at that time.

10. Dhiren said to Smita, "I will have given you a book in next month on this day".

Dhiren said to Smita that he would have given her a book in the following month on that day.

Interrogative Sentence(?)

Yes/No questions

Is/am/are/was/were/do/does/did/have/had/had/

Said to=asked/inquired/interrogated

. “.....?”

If/whether

?

.....?Assertive

He said to me , ‘are you a girl?’

He asked me if I was a girl.

He said to Maya , ‘are you a girl?’

He asked Maya , ‘are you a girl?’

Father said to my sister “did you break the glass?”

You broke

She had broken

Father asked my sister if she had broken the glass.

Mother said to servant ‘ does she work properly?’

Mother asked servant if he/she worked properly.

Wh questions

Said =asked

“=wh

Assertive

I said to him: “what is your name?”

I asked him what his name was.

Friend said to her ‘where do you live?’

Friend asked her where she lived.

Roma said to me, “when will you accept my assignment?”

Roma asked me when I would accept her assignment.

Manthan said to Sureshbhai “when will you come to my home ?”

Manthan asked Sureshbhai when he would go to his home .

Imperative अज्ञार्थ वाक्य(भाव)

Said to=warned to

Said to=requested

Said to=advised

Said to=begged

Said to=prayed

Said to=ordered

Said to=informed

I said to her, "attend my lecture now."

I advised her to attend my lecture then.

Teacher said to her, "attend my lecture now."

Teacher advised her to attend her/his lecture then.

Teacher said to her, "please, donate for flood victim."

Teacher requested her to donate for flood victim.

Mother said to child, "don't touch this iron."

Mother warned child not to touch that iron.

Doctor said to me, "take these medicine three times."

Doctor advised me to take those medicine three times."

Friend said to me, "come here."

Friend suggested me to go there.

Officer said to me, "No spitting."

Officer prohibited me to spit.

Officer warned me not to spit.

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