**Lesson 10 – Direct and Reported/Indirect Speech**

1. **Direct Speech**

*Direct speech* repeats or quotes the exact words spoken. When we use *direct speech* in writing, we place the words spoken between quotation marks (" "), and there is no change in these words.

* She said, “There is an elephant outside the window.”
* “There is an elephant outside the window**,**” she said.
* Sreymao says, “What time will you go home?”

1. **Reported or Indirect Speech**

*Reported or indirect speech* is usually used to talk about the past, so we normally change the tense of the words spoken. We use introductory/reporting verbs like 'say', 'tell', 'ask', and we may use the word 'that' to introduce the reported words.

* She said, "I **saw** him." (direct speech) = She said ***that she had seen him***. (indirect speech)
* Sreymao said, “I **go** to school every day.” (direct speech) = Sreymao said that she **went** to school every day. (reported/indirect speech)

1. **Rules** 
   1. **Changes in Person of Pronouns**
      1. First Person Pronouns in *direct Speech* are always changed according to the SUBJECT of the Reporting Speech.
         * 1. **Sreymao** said, “**I** am very tired.” **⇒ Sreymao** said **she** (Sreymao) was very tired.
      2. Third Person Pronouns in *direct Speech* are not changed.
         * 1. Sreymao said, “**They** don’t like swimming.” **⇒** Sreymao said **they** didn’t like swimming.
   2. **Change in Tenses and Modal Auxiliary Verbs**

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| **Direct Speech** | **Reported/Indirect Speech** |
| *♣ Present simple*   * He said, “I **go** to school every day.” | *♣ Past simple*   * He said (that) he **went** to school every day. |
| *♣ Past simple*   * Sreymao said, “I **graduated** from PNC.” | *♣ Past perfect*   * Sreymao said (that) she **had graduated** from PNC. |
| *♣ Present progressive*   * Dara said, “I **am doing** my homework.” | *♣ Past progressive*   * Dara said (that) he **was doing** his homework. |
| *♣ Past progressive*   * Sreypich said, “I **was doing** my homework.” | *♣ Past perfect progressive*   * Sreypich said (that) she **had been doing** her homework. |
| *♣ Present perfect*   * They said, “We **have studied** at PNC.” | *♣ Past perfect*   * They said (that) they **had studied** at PNC. |
| *♣ Future (will)*   * Sokna said, “I **will go** to Siem Reap.” | *♣ Would + V1*   * Sokna said (that) she **would go** to Siem Reap. |
| *♣ Can*   * He said, “I **can go** to work every day.” | *♣ Could*   * He said (that) he **could go** to work every day. |
| *♣ May*   * He said, “I **may go** to work every day.” | *♣ Might*   * He said (that) he **might go** to work every day. |
| *♣ Must*   * He said, “I **must go** to work every day.” | *♣ Had to*   * He said (that) he **had to go** to work every day. |
| *♣ Have to*   * He said, “I **have to** **go** to work every day.” | *♣ Had to*   * He said (that) he **had to go** to work every day. |
| *♣ Should*   * He said, “I **should go** to work every day.” | *♣ Should*   * He said (that) he **should go** to work every day. |
| ♠ *We don’t change the* ***tenses*** *in the* ***reported/indirect speech*** *when the* ***introductory/reporting verbs*** *are in* ***present*** *or* ***future****.*   * They **say**, “We **will visit** Siem Reap.” **⇒** They **say** they **will visit** Siem Reap. * Dara **will say**, “I **will try** harder for the exam.” **⇒** Dara **will say** he **will try** harder for the exam. | |

* 1. **Changes in Questions**

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| *♣ Yes/No questions*   * She said, “**Do you like** dog?” * Sreymao said, “**Are they doing** their homework?” | *♣ Construction of* ***if*** *or* ***whether***   * She asked **if/whether you liked** dog. * Sreymao asked **if/whether they were doing** their homework. |
| *♣ WH questions*   * He said, “What **do you like**?” * She said, “How **did they come** here?” * They said, “Where **will you go**?” * Sreymao said, “How **are they doing**?” | *♣ WH questions with the order of subject and verb*   * He asked what **you liked**. * She asked how **they** **had come** here. * They asked where **you would go**. * Sreymao asked how **they were doing**. |

**Exercise practice**

**Instruction 1:** *Choose the correct* ***reported/indirect speech*** *of the following* ***direct speech****.*

* + - 1. Tola said, "I am waiting at the bus stop."
         1. Tola said that he was waiting at the bus stop.
         2. Tola said that he is waiting at the bus stop.
      2. They said, "We will not leave England."
         1. They said we would not leave England.
         2. They said they would not leave England.
      3. She says, “My mother goes shopping every day.”
         1. She says her mother went shopping every day.
         2. She says her mother goes shopping every day.
      4. She said, "I invited him to my birthday party also.”
         1. She said she had invited him to her birthday party also.
         2. She said she invited him to her birthday party also.
      5. His manager said, "I will not resign from my post."
         1. His manager said she would not resign from her post.
         2. His manager said she will not resign from her post.
      6. Sreymao says, “My brother will join the party.”
         1. Sreymao says my brother will join the party.
         2. Sreymao says her brother will join the party.
      7. Dara said, "She has refused this job."
         1. Dara said she had refused the job.
         2. Dara said he had refused the job.
      8. They said, "It is time we had an agreement."
         1. They said it is time they had an agreement.
         2. They said it was time they had had an agreement.
      9. Sreymao and Sreypich said, "We must go skiing in winter."
         1. Sreymao and Sreypich said we must go skiing in winter.
         2. Sreymao and Sreypich said they had to go skiing in winter.
      10. He says, “I will become a good teacher.”
          1. He says I will become a good teacher.
          2. He says he will become a good teacher.
      11. Darong said, “Where do they live?”
          1. Darong asked where they lived.
          2. Darong asked where do they live.
      12. She said, “Is he tired?”
          1. She asked if he was tired.
          2. She asked if he is tired.
      13. Daro said, “What is Sokha doing?”
          1. Daro asked if what Sokha was doing.
          2. Daro asked what Sokha was doing.
      14. He said, “Will Darith join the football team?”
          1. He asked whether would Darith join the football team.
          2. He asked whether Darith would join the football team.
      15. Sokchan said, “When did Daro visit Siem Reap?”
          1. Sokchan asked when Daro had visited Siem Reap.
          2. Sokchan asked when had Daro visited Siem Reap.

**Instruction 2:** *Make reported/indirect speech of the following direct speech.*

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| 1. | Sreymao said, “Am I late?” |
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| 2. | She said, “Are they in Cambodia?” |
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| 3. | Daro said, “Why is Buna sad? |
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| 4. | He said, “Where is PNC? |
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| 5. | Sreymao said, “I was waiting for a bus when he arrived.” |
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| 6. | Sreypich and Sreymao said, “We have already reviewed the lessons for the final exam.” |
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| 7. | She said, “Darith didn’t have breakfast.” |
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| 8. | Sokna said, “I am working hard to achieve my objectives.” |
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| 9. | They say, “We will pass the exams.” |
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| 10. | He says, “I play football every afternoon.” |
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