

SSC GD Constable Exam: Direct and Indirect Speech MCQ

Instructions: Choose the option that correctly transforms the sentence from direct to indirect speech or vice versa, or identifies the correct form. Each question carries 2 marks. There is a negative marking of 0.50 marks for each incorrect answer.

1. Convert to indirect speech: She said, "I am going to the market."

- a) She said that she was going to the market.
- b) She said that she is going to the market.
- c) She says that she was going to the market.
- d) She said that she will go to the market.

Answer: a) She said that she was going to the market.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present continuous tense "am going" changes to the past continuous "was going" after "said."

2. Convert to direct speech: He said that he would visit his friend.

- a) He said, "I visit my friend."
- b) He said, "I will visit my friend."
- c) He said, "I visited my friend."
- d) He said, "I am visiting my friend."

Answer: b) He said, "I will visit my friend."

Explanation: In direct speech, the future tense "would visit" changes back to "will visit" with quotation marks.

3. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We have finished our homework."

- a) They said that they finished their homework.
- b) They said that they have finished their homework.
- c) They said that they had finished their homework.
- d) They said that they will finish their homework.

Answer: c) They said that they had finished their homework.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present perfect tense "have finished" changes to the past perfect "had finished" after "said."

4. Convert to direct speech: She said that she was tired.

- a) She said, "I was tired."
- b) She said, "I am tired."
- c) She said, "I will be tired."
- d) She said, "I have been tired."

Answer: b) She said, "I am tired."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past tense "was" changes to the present tense "am" to reflect the original statement.

5. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I will call you tomorrow."

- a) He said that he would call me tomorrow.
- b) He said that he will call me tomorrow.
- c) He said that he called me tomorrow.
- d) He said that he had called me tomorrow.

Answer: a) He said that he would call me tomorrow.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the future tense "will call" changes to "would call," and "you" changes to "me."

6. Convert to direct speech: The teacher said that the students were working hard.

- a) The teacher said, "The students work hard."
- b) The teacher said, "The students are working hard."
- c) The teacher said, "The students were working hard."
- d) The teacher said, "The students will work hard."

Answer: b) The teacher said, "The students are working hard."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past continuous "were working" changes to the present continuous "are working."

7. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I have lost my keys."

- a) She said that she lost her keys.
- b) She said that she has lost her keys.
- c) She said that she had lost her keys.

d) She said that she will lose her keys.

Answer: c) She said that she had lost her keys.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present perfect "have lost" changes to the past perfect "had lost."

8. Convert to direct speech: He said that he could swim.

a) He said, "I can swim."

b) He said, "I could swim."

c) He said, "I will swim."

d) He said, "I am swimming."

Answer: a) He said, "I can swim."

Explanation: In direct speech, the modal "could" changes back to "can" to reflect the original statement.

9. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We are playing football."

a) They said that they were playing football.

b) They said that they are playing football.

c) They said that they played football.

d) They said that they will play football.

Answer: a) They said that they were playing football.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present continuous "are playing" changes to the past continuous "were playing."

10. Convert to direct speech: She said that she had finished her work.

a) She said, "I finish my work."

b) She said, "I finished my work."

c) She said, "I have finished my work."

d) She said, "I will finish my work."

Answer: c) She said, "I have finished my work."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had finished" changes to the present perfect "have finished."

11. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I must leave now."

a) He said that he must leave now.

b) He said that he had to leave then.

c) He said that he will leave now.

d) He said that he leaves then.

Answer: b) He said that he had to leave then.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "must" changes to "had to," and "now" changes to "then."

12. Convert to direct speech: The boy said that he was hungry.

a) The boy said, "I was hungry."

b) The boy said, "I am hungry."

c) The boy said, "I will be hungry."

d) The boy said, "I have been hungry."

Answer: b) The boy said, "I am hungry."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past tense "was" changes to the present tense "am."

13. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I can help you."

a) She said that she can help me.

b) She said that she could help me.

c) She said that she will help me.

d) She said that she helped me.

Answer: b) She said that she could help me.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the modal "can" changes to "could," and "you" changes to "me."

14. Convert to direct speech: They said that they would attend the meeting.

a) They said, "We attend the meeting."

b) They said, "We attended the meeting."

c) They said, "We will attend the meeting."

d) They said, "We have attended the meeting."

Answer: c) They said, "We will attend the meeting."

Explanation: In direct speech, "would attend" changes to "will attend."

15. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I am reading a book."

a) He said that he was reading a book.

b) He said that he is reading a book.

- c) He said that he read a book.
- d) He said that he will read a book.

Answer: a) He said that he was reading a book.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present continuous "am reading" changes to the past continuous "was reading."

16. Convert to direct speech: She said that she had seen the movie.

- a) She said, "I see the movie."
- b) She said, "I saw the movie."
- c) She said, "I have seen the movie."
- d) She said, "I will see the movie."

Answer: c) She said, "I have seen the movie."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had seen" changes to the present perfect "have seen."

17. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We will travel tomorrow."

- a) They said that they would travel tomorrow.
- b) They said that they will travel tomorrow.
- c) They said that they travelled tomorrow.
- d) They said that they had travelled tomorrow.

Answer: a) They said that they would travel tomorrow.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "will travel" changes to "would travel."

18. Convert to direct speech: He said that he was studying.

- a) He said, "I study."
- b) He said, "I am studying."
- c) He said, "I studied."
- d) He said, "I will study."

Answer: b) He said, "I am studying."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past continuous "was studying" changes to the present continuous "am studying."

19. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I have been waiting for you."

- a) She said that she was waiting for me.
- b) She said that she has been waiting for me.
- c) She said that she had been waiting for me.
- d) She said that she will be waiting for me.

Answer: c) She said that she had been waiting for me.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present perfect continuous "have been waiting" changes to the past perfect continuous "had been waiting," and "you" changes to "me."

20. Convert to direct speech: The teacher said that the students had completed the test.

- a) The teacher said, "The students complete the test."
- b) The teacher said, "The students completed the test."
- c) The teacher said, "The students have completed the test."
- d) The teacher said, "The students will complete the test."

Answer: c) The teacher said, "The students have completed the test."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had completed" changes to the present perfect "have completed."

21. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I should study more."

- a) He said that he should study more.
- b) He said that he must study more.
- c) He said that he will study more.
- d) He said that he studied more.

Answer: a) He said that he should study more.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the modal "should" remains unchanged.

22. Convert to direct speech: She said that she could not come.

- a) She said, "I cannot come."
- b) She said, "I could not come."
- c) She said, "I will not come."
- d) She said, "I am not coming."

Answer: a) She said, "I cannot come."

Explanation: In direct speech, "could not" changes to "cannot."

23. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We are leaving now."

- a) They said that they were leaving then.
- b) They said that they are leaving now.
- c) They said that they left then.
- d) They said that they will leave now.

Answer: a) They said that they were leaving then.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "are leaving" changes to "were leaving," and "now" changes to "then."

24. Convert to direct speech: He said that he had been working all day.

- a) He said, "I work all day."
- b) He said, "I worked all day."
- c) He said, "I have been working all day."
- d) He said, "I will work all day."

Answer: c) He said, "I have been working all day."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect continuous "had been working" changes to the present perfect continuous "have been working."

25. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I will be late."

- a) She said that she would be late.
- b) She said that she will be late.
- c) She said that she was late.
- d) She said that she is late.

Answer: a) She said that she would be late.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "will be" changes to "would be."

26. Convert to direct speech: They said that they were happy.

- a) They said, "We were happy."
- b) They said, "We are happy."
- c) They said, "We will be happy."
- d) They said, "We have been happy."

Answer: b) They said, "We are happy."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past tense "were" changes to the present tense "are."

27. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I have never been to Paris."

- a) He said that he never went to Paris.
- b) He said that he has never been to Paris.
- c) He said that he had never been to Paris.
- d) He said that he will never go to Paris.

Answer: c) He said that he had never been to Paris.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present perfect "have been" changes to the past perfect "had been."

28. Convert to direct speech: She said that she was going to school.

- a) She said, "I go to school."
- b) She said, "I am going to school."
- c) She said, "I went to school."
- d) She said, "I will go to school."

Answer: b) She said, "I am going to school."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past continuous "was going" changes to the present continuous "am going."

29. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We can solve the problem."

- a) They said that they can solve the problem.
- b) They said that they could solve the problem.
- c) They said that they will solve the problem.
- d) They said that they solved the problem.

Answer: b) They said that they could solve the problem.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the modal "can" changes to "could."

30. Convert to direct speech: He said that he had lost his phone.

- a) He said, "I lose my phone."
- b) He said, "I lost my phone."
- c) He said, "I have lost my phone."
- d) He said, "I will lose my phone."

Answer: c) He said, "I have lost my phone."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had lost" changes to the present perfect "have lost."

31. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I am writing a letter."

- a) She said that she was writing a letter.
- b) She said that she is writing a letter.
- c) She said that she wrote a letter.
- d) She said that she will write a letter.

Answer: a) She said that she was writing a letter.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present continuous "am writing" changes to the past continuous "was writing."

32. Convert to direct speech: They said that they would help us.

- a) They said, "We help you."
- b) They said, "We helped you."
- c) They said, "We will help you."
- d) They said, "We have helped you."

Answer: c) They said, "We will help you."

Explanation: In direct speech, "would help" changes to "will help," and "us" changes to "you."

33. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I should call my mother."

- a) He said that he should call his mother.
- b) He said that he must call his mother.
- c) He said that he will call his mother.
- d) He said that he called his mother.

Answer: a) He said that he should call his mother.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the modal "should" remains unchanged.

34. Convert to direct speech: She said that she could not find her bag.

- a) She said, "I cannot find my bag."
- b) She said, "I could not find my bag."
- c) She said, "I will not find my bag."
- d) She said, "I am not finding my bag."

Answer: a) She said, "I cannot find my bag."

Explanation: In direct speech, "could not" changes to "cannot."

35. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We have been studying all night."

- a) They said that they were studying all night.
- b) They said that they have been studying all night.
- c) They said that they had been studying all night.
- d) They said that they will be studying all night.

Answer: c) They said that they had been studying all night.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present perfect continuous "have been studying" changes to the past perfect continuous "had been studying."

36. Convert to direct speech: He said that he was playing cricket.

- a) He said, "I play cricket."
- b) He said, "I am playing cricket."
- c) He said, "I played cricket."
- d) He said, "I will play cricket."

Answer: b) He said, "I am playing cricket."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past continuous "was playing" changes to the present continuous "am playing."

37. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I will meet you tomorrow."

- a) She said that she would meet me tomorrow.
- b) She said that she will meet me tomorrow.
- c) She said that she met me tomorrow.
- d) She said that she had met me tomorrow.

Answer: a) She said that she would meet me tomorrow.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "will meet" changes to "would meet," and "you" changes to "me."

38. Convert to direct speech: They said that they had finished the project.

- a) They said, "We finish the project."
- b) They said, "We finished the project."

c) They said, "We have finished the project."

d) They said, "We will finish the project."

Answer: c) They said, "We have finished the project."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had finished" changes to the present perfect "have finished."

39. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I am learning to drive."

a) He said that he was learning to drive.

b) He said that he is learning to drive.

c) He said that he learned to drive.

d) He said that he will learn to drive.

Answer: a) He said that he was learning to drive.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present continuous "am learning" changes to the past continuous "was learning."

40. Convert to direct speech: She said that she had been to London.

a) She said, "I go to London."

b) She said, "I went to London."

c) She said, "I have been to London."

d) She said, "I will go to London."

Answer: c) She said, "I have been to London."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had been" changes to the present perfect "have been."

41. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We can attend the party."

a) They said that they can attend the party.

b) They said that they could attend the party.

c) They said that they will attend the party.

d) They said that they attended the party.

Answer: b) They said that they could attend the party.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the modal "can" changes to "could."

42. Convert to direct speech: He said that he was tired.

a) He said, "I was tired."

- b) He said, "I am tired."
 - c) He said, "I will be tired."
 - d) He said, "I have been tired."
- Answer: b) He said, "I am tired."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past tense "was" changes to the present tense "am."

43. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I have finished my homework."

- a) She said that she finished her homework.
- b) She said that she has finished her homework.
- c) She said that she had finished her homework.
- d) She said that she will finish her homework.

Answer: c) She said that she had finished her homework.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present perfect "have finished" changes to the past perfect "had finished."

44. Convert to direct speech: They said that they would call us.

- a) They said, "We call you."
- b) They said, "We called you."
- c) They said, "We will call you."
- d) They said, "We have called you."

Answer: c) They said, "We will call you."

Explanation: In direct speech, "would call" changes to "will call," and "us" changes to "you."

45. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I am cooking dinner."

- a) He said that he was cooking dinner.
- b) He said that he is cooking dinner.
- c) He said that he cooked dinner.
- d) He said that he will cook dinner.

Answer: a) He said that he was cooking dinner.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present continuous "am cooking" changes to the past continuous "was cooking."

46. Convert to direct speech: She said that she had lost her keys.

- a) She said, "I lose my keys."
- b) She said, "I lost my keys."
- c) She said, "I have lost my keys."
- d) She said, "I will lose my keys."

Answer: c) She said, "I have lost my keys."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had lost" changes to the present perfect "have lost."

47. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We will arrive soon."

- a) They said that they would arrive soon.
- b) They said that they will arrive soon.
- c) They said that they arrived soon.
- d) They said that they had arrived soon.

Answer: a) They said that they would arrive soon.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "will arrive" changes to "would arrive."

48. Convert to direct speech: He said that he was reading a book.

- a) He said, "I read a book."
- b) He said, "I am reading a book."
- c) He said, "I was reading a book."
- d) He said, "I will read a book."

Answer: b) He said, "I am reading a book."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past continuous "was reading" changes to the present continuous "am reading."

49. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I can swim well."

- a) She said that she can swim well.
- b) She said that she could swim well.
- c) She said that she will swim well.
- d) She said that she swam well.

Answer: b) She said that she could swim well.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the modal "can" changes to "could."

50. Convert to direct speech: They said that they had been to the park.

- a) They said, "We go to the park."
- b) They said, "We went to the park."
- c) They said, "We have been to the park."
- d) They said, "We will go to the park."

Answer: c) They said, "We have been to the park."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had been" changes to the present perfect "have been."

51. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I must finish my work."

- a) He said that he must finish his work.
- b) He said that he had to finish his work.
- c) He said that he will finish his work.
- d) He said that he finished his work.

Answer: b) He said that he had to finish his work.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "must" changes to "had to."

52. Convert to direct speech: She said that she could not attend the meeting.

- a) She said, "I cannot attend the meeting."
- b) She said, "I could not attend the meeting."
- c) She said, "I will not attend the meeting."
- d) She said, "I am not attending the meeting."

Answer: a) She said, "I cannot attend the meeting."

Explanation: In direct speech, "could not" changes to "cannot."

53. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We are watching a movie."

- a) They said that they were watching a movie.
- b) They said that they are watching a movie.
- c) They said that they watched a movie.
- d) They said that they will watch a movie.

Answer: a) They said that they were watching a movie.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present continuous "are watching" changes to the past continuous "were watching."

54. Convert to direct speech: He said that he had forgotten his lines.

- a) He said, "I forget my lines."
- b) He said, "I forgot my lines."
- c) He said, "I have forgotten my lines."
- d) He said, "I will forget my lines."

Answer: c) He said, "I have forgotten my lines."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had forgotten" changes to the present perfect "have forgotten."

55. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I will call you later."

- a) She said that she would call me later.
- b) She said that she will call me later.
- c) She said that she called me later.
- d) She said that she had called me later.

Answer: a) She said that she would call me later.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "will call" changes to "would call," and "you" changes to "me."

56. Convert to direct speech: They said that they were tired.

- a) They said, "We were tired."
- b) They said, "We are tired."
- c) They said, "We will be tired."
- d) They said, "We have been tired."

Answer: b) They said, "We are tired."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past tense "were" changes to the present tense "are."

57. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I have been studying for hours."

- a) He said that he was studying for hours.
- b) He said that he has been studying for hours.
- c) He said that he had been studying for hours.
- d) He said that he will be studying for hours.

Answer: c) He said that he had been studying for hours.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present perfect continuous "have been studying" changes to the past perfect continuous "had been studying."

58. Convert to direct speech: She said that she was writing a book.

- a) She said, "I write a book."
- b) She said, "I am writing a book."
- c) They said, "I wrote a book."
- d) She said, "I will write a book."

Answer: b) She said, "I am writing a book."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past continuous "was writing" changes to the present continuous "am writing."

59. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We can help you."

- a) They said that they can help me.
- b) They said that they could help me.
- c) They said that they will help me.
- d) They said that they helped me.

Answer: b) They said that they could help me.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the modal "can" changes to "could," and "you" changes to "me."

60. Convert to direct speech: He said that he had been to the zoo.

- a) He said, "I go to the zoo."
- b) He said, "I went to the zoo."
- c) He said, "I have been to the zoo."
- d) He said, "I will go to the zoo."

Answer: c) He said, "I have been to the zoo."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had been" changes to the present perfect "have been."

61. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I must leave early."

- a) She said that she must leave early.
- b) She said that she had to leave early.
- c) She said that she will leave early.

d) She said that she left early.

Answer: b) She said that she had to leave early.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "must" changes to "had to."

62. Convert to direct speech: They said that they could not attend.

a) They said, "We cannot attend."

b) They said, "We could not attend."

c) They said, "We will not attend."

d) They said, "We are not attending."

Answer: a) They said, "We cannot attend."

Explanation: In direct speech, "could not" changes to "cannot."

63. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I am painting the house."

a) He said that he was painting the house.

b) He said that he is painting the house.

c) He said that he painted the house.

d) He said that he will paint the house.

Answer: a) He said that he was painting the house.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present continuous "am painting" changes to the past continuous "was painting."

64. Convert to direct speech: She said that she had finished her painting.

a) She said, "I finish my painting."

b) She said, "I finished my painting."

c) She said, "I have finished my painting."

d) She said, "I will finish my painting."

Answer: c) She said, "I have finished my painting."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had finished" changes to the present perfect "have finished."

65. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We will visit the museum."

a) They said that they would visit the museum.

b) They said that they will visit the museum.

c) They said that they visited the museum.

d) They said that they had visited the museum.

Answer: a) They said that they would visit the museum.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "will visit" changes to "would visit."

66. Convert to direct speech: He said that he was watching TV.

a) He said, "I watch TV."

b) He said, "I am watching TV."

c) He said, "I watched TV."

d) He said, "I will watch TV."

Answer: b) He said, "I am watching TV."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past continuous "was watching" changes to the present continuous "am watching."

67. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I have been reading a novel."

a) She said that she was reading a novel.

b) She said that she has been reading a novel.

c) She said that she had been reading a novel.

d) She said that she will be reading a novel.

Answer: c) She said that she had been reading a novel.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present perfect continuous "have been reading" changes to the past perfect continuous "had been reading."

68. Convert to direct speech: They said that they were playing chess.

a) They said, "We play chess."

b) They said, "We are playing chess."

c) They said, "We played chess."

d) They said, "We will play chess."

Answer: b) They said, "We are playing chess."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past continuous "were playing" changes to the present continuous "are playing."

69. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I can play the guitar."

a) He said that he can play the guitar.

b) He said that he could play the guitar.

- c) He said that he will play the guitar.
- d) He said that he played the guitar.

Answer: b) He said that he could play the guitar.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the modal "can" changes to "could."

70. Convert to direct speech: She said that she had visited her friend.

- a) She said, "I visit my friend."
- b) She said, "I visited my friend."
- c) She said, "I have visited my friend."
- d) She said, "I will visit my friend."

Answer: c) She said, "I have visited my friend."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had visited" changes to the present perfect "have visited."

71. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We must finish the project."

- a) They said that they must finish the project.
- b) They said that they had to finish the project.
- c) They said that they will finish the project.
- d) They said that they finished the project.

Answer: b) They said that they had to finish the project.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "must" changes to "had to."

72. Convert to direct speech: He said that he could not find his wallet.

- a) He said, "I cannot find my wallet."
- b) He said, "I could not find my wallet."
- c) He said, "I will not find my wallet."
- d) He said, "I am not finding my wallet."

Answer: a) He said, "I cannot find my wallet."

Explanation: In direct speech, "could not" changes to "cannot."

73. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I am buying a dress."

- a) She said that she was buying a dress.
- b) She said that she is buying a dress.
- c) She said that she bought a dress.

d) She said that she will buy a dress.

Answer: a) She said that she was buying a dress.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present continuous "am buying" changes to the past continuous "was buying."

74. Convert to direct speech: They said that they had seen the show.

a) They said, "We see the show."

b) They said, "We saw the show."

c) They said, "We have seen the show."

d) They said, "We will see the show."

Answer: c) They said, "We have seen the show."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had seen" changes to the present perfect "have seen."

75. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I will be there soon."

a) He said that he would be there soon.

b) He said that he will be there soon.

c) He said that he was there soon.

d) He said that he is there soon.

Answer: a) He said that he would be there soon.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "will be" changes to "would be."

76. Convert to direct speech: She said that she was cooking dinner.

a) She said, "I cook dinner."

b) She said, "I am cooking dinner."

c) She said, "I cooked dinner."

d) She said, "I will cook dinner."

Answer: b) She said, "I am cooking dinner."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past continuous "was cooking" changes to the present continuous "am cooking."

77. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We have been waiting for hours."

a) They said that they were waiting for hours.

b) They said that they have been waiting for hours.

- c) They said that they had been waiting for hours.
- d) They said that they will be waiting for hours.

Answer: c) They said that they had been waiting for hours.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present perfect continuous "have been waiting" changes to the past perfect continuous "had been waiting."

78. Convert to direct speech: He said that he was running late.

- a) He said, "I run late."
- b) He said, "I am running late."
- c) He said, "I ran late."
- d) He said, "I will run late."

Answer: b) He said, "I am running late."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past continuous "was running" changes to the present continuous "am running."

79. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I can sing well."

- a) She said that she can sing well.
- b) She said that she could sing well.
- c) She said that she will sing well.
- d) She said that she sang well.

Answer: b) She said that she could sing well.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the modal "can" changes to "could."

80. Convert to direct speech: They said that they had been to the beach.

- a) They said, "We go to the beach."
- b) They said, "We went to the beach."
- c) They said, "We have been to the beach."
- d) They said, "We will go to the beach."

Answer: c) They said, "We have been to the beach."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had been" changes to the present perfect "have been."

81. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I must attend the meeting."

- a) He said that he must attend the meeting.

- b) He said that he had to attend the meeting.
- c) He said that he will attend the meeting.
- d) He said that he attended the meeting.

Answer: b) He said that he had to attend the meeting.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "must" changes to "had to."

82. Convert to direct speech: She said that she could not swim.

- a) She said, "I cannot swim."
- b) She said, "I could not swim."
- c) She said, "I will not swim."
- d) She said, "I am not swimming."

Answer: a) She said, "I cannot swim."

Explanation: In direct speech, "could not" changes to "cannot."

83. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We are studying for the exam."

- a) They said that they were studying for the exam.
- b) They said that they are studying for the exam.
- c) They said that they studied for the exam.
- d) They said that they will study for the exam.

Answer: a) They said that they were studying for the exam.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present continuous "are studying" changes to the past continuous "were studying."

84. Convert to direct speech: He said that he had missed the bus.

- a) He said, "I miss the bus."
- b) He said, "I missed the bus."
- c) He said, "I have missed the bus."
- d) He said, "I will miss the bus."

Answer: c) He said, "I have missed the bus."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had missed" changes to the present perfect "have missed."

85. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I will visit my friend."

- a) She said that she would visit her friend.

- b) She said that she will visit her friend.
- c) She said that she visited her friend.
- d) She said that she had visited her friend.

Answer: a) She said that she would visit her friend.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "will visit" changes to "would visit."

86. Convert to direct speech: They said that they were hungry.

- a) They said, "We were hungry."
- b) They said, "We are hungry."
- c) They said, "We will be hungry."
- d) They said, "We have been hungry."

Answer: b) They said, "We are hungry."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past tense "were" changes to the present tense "are."

87. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I have been working all day."

- a) He said that he was working all day.
- b) He said that he has been working all day.
- c) He said that he had been working all day.
- d) He said that he will be working all day.

Answer: c) He said that he had been working all day.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present perfect continuous "have been working" changes to the past perfect continuous "had been working."

88. Convert to direct speech: She said that she was reading a novel.

- a) She said, "I read a novel."
- b) She said, "I am reading a novel."
- c) She said, "I was reading a novel."
- d) She said, "I will read a novel."

Answer: b) She said, "I am reading a novel."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past continuous "was reading" changes to the present continuous "am reading."

89. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We can run fast."

- a) They said that they can run fast.
- b) They said that they could run fast.
- c) They said that they will run fast.
- d) They said that they ran fast.

Answer: b) They said that they could run fast.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the modal "can" changes to "could."

90. Convert to direct speech: He said that he had been to the museum.

- a) He said, "I go to the museum."
- b) He said, "I went to the museum."
- c) He said, "I have been to the museum."
- d) He said, "I will go to the museum."

Answer: c) He said, "I have been to the museum."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had been" changes to the present perfect "have been."

91. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I must buy a gift."

- a) She said that she must buy a gift.
- b) She said that she had to buy a gift.
- c) She said that she will buy a gift.
- d) She said that she bought a gift.

Answer: b) She said that she had to buy a gift.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "must" changes to "had to."

92. Convert to direct speech: They said that they could not play.

- a) They said, "We cannot play."
- b) They said, "We could not play."
- c) They said, "We will not play."
- d) They said, "We are not playing."

Answer: a) They said, "We cannot play."

Explanation: In direct speech, "could not" changes to "cannot."

93. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I am painting the room."

- a) He said that he was painting the room.
- b) He said that he is painting the room.

- c) He said that he painted the room.
- d) He said that he will paint the room.

Answer: a) He said that he was painting the room.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present continuous "am painting" changes to the past continuous "was painting."

94. Convert to direct speech: She said that she had finished her homework.

- a) She said, "I finish my homework."
- b) She said, "I finished my homework."
- c) She said, "I have finished my homework."
- d) She said, "I will finish my homework."

Answer: c) She said, "I have finished my homework."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had finished" changes to the present perfect "have finished."

95. Choose the correct indirect speech: They said, "We will leave tomorrow."

- a) They said that they would leave tomorrow.
- b) They said that they will leave tomorrow.
- c) They said that they left tomorrow.
- d) They said that they had left tomorrow.

Answer: a) They said that they would leave tomorrow.

Explanation: In indirect speech, "will leave" changes to "would leave."

96. Convert to direct speech: He said that he was playing football.

- a) He said, "I play football."
- b) He said, "I am playing football."
- c) He said, "I played football."
- d) He said, "I will play football."

Answer: b) He said, "I am playing football."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past continuous "was playing" changes to the present continuous "am playing."

97. Choose the correct indirect speech: She said, "I have been painting all day."

- a) She said that she was painting all day.
- b) She said that she has been painting all day.
- c) She said that she had been painting all day.
- d) She said that she will be painting all day.

Answer: c) She said that she had been painting all day.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the present perfect continuous "have been painting" changes to the past perfect continuous "had been painting."

98. Convert to direct speech: They said that they were studying.

- a) They said, "We study."
- b) They said, "We are studying."
- c) They said, "We studied."
- d) They said, "We will study."

Answer: b) They said, "We are studying."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past continuous "were studying" changes to the present continuous "are studying."

99. Choose the correct indirect speech: He said, "I can dance well."

- a) He said that he can dance well.
- b) He said that he could dance well.
- c) He said that he will dance well.
- d) He said that he danced well.

Answer: b) He said that he could dance well.

Explanation: In indirect speech, the modal "can" changes to "could."

100. Convert to direct speech: She said that she had been to the park.

- a) She said, "I go to the park."
- b) She said, "I went to the park."
- c) She said, "I have been to the park."
- d) She said, "I will go to the park."

Answer: c) She said, "I have been to the park."

Explanation: In direct speech, the past perfect "had been" changes to the present perfect "have been."

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