

Topic 1: Direct and Indirect Speech (Statements)

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Key Concept

Direct speech uses quotation marks to show the exact words spoken, like: She said, "I am tired."

Indirect (reported) speech conveys the same meaning without quotation marks, like: She said that she was tired.

When changing direct to indirect speech, pronouns often change (I to she/he) and tense often shifts backward (am to was).

Understanding direct and indirect speech is useful for reporting conversations accurately in writing and everyday communication.

Quick Revision Notes

- Direct speech: exact words, quotation marks.
- Example: She said, "I am tired."
- Indirect speech: reported meaning, no quotes.
- Example: She said that she was tired.
- Pronouns often change (I to she/he).
- Tense often shifts backward (am to was).
- This helps report conversations accurately.
- Useful in writing and communication.

Practice Questions

- 1 Convert a direct speech sentence to indirect.
- 2 Convert an indirect speech sentence to direct.
- 3 Write a direct speech sentence using quotation marks.
- 4 Write the same sentence in indirect speech.
- 5 Identify pronoun changes in a given example.
- 6 Discuss why tense shifts occur in indirect speech.