

Direct and Indirect Speech Worksheet

Intermediate B1–B2 · Side A

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: / 20

Exercise A · Change to indirect speech (Q1–5)

Rewrite each sentence as indirect (reported) speech.

- "I am tired," she said.
→ _____
- "We will help you," they promised.
→ _____
- "I don't like coffee," he said.
→ _____
- "She has passed the test," the teacher said.
→ _____
- "I can swim," the child said.
→ _____

Exercise B · True or False (Q6–10)

Write T (true) or F (false).

- In indirect speech, the verb tense usually shifts back one tense.
Answer: _____
- Speech marks (quotation marks) are used in indirect speech.
Answer: _____
- 'Will' changes to 'would' in indirect speech.
Answer: _____
- Time expressions do not change in indirect speech.
Answer: _____
- 'She said she is tired' is an example of indirect speech.
Answer: _____

Direct and Indirect Speech Worksheet — Side B

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Exercise C · Change to direct speech (Q11–14)

Rewrite each indirect sentence as direct speech.

11. He said (that) he was going to the market.

→ _____

12. She told me (that) she loved the book.

→ _____

13. They announced (that) they had won the competition.

→ _____

14. He admitted (that) he had made a mistake.

→ _____

Exercise D · Multiple choice (Q15–17)

Choose the correct indirect speech form.

15. "I will call you," she said.

(a) She said she will call me. (b) She said she would call me. (c) She said she called me.

16. "We are leaving tomorrow," they said.

(a) They said they were leaving the next day. (b) They said they are leaving tomorrow. (c) They said they leave tomorrow.

17. "Can you help me?" he asked.

(a) He asked if I could help him. (b) He asked if I can help him. (c) He asked I help him.

Exercise E · Write your own sentences (Q18–20)

Convert between direct and indirect speech.

18. Write a sentence in direct speech, then report it → ____

→ _____

19. Report a question using 'asked if / whether' → ____

→ _____

20. Report a command using 'told ... to' → ____

→ _____

Answer Sheet — Direct and Indirect Speech Worksheet

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Exercise A — Change to indirect speech

Q1–5

1. She said (that) she was tired.
2. They promised (that) they would help me.
3. He said (that) he didn't like coffee.
4. The teacher said (that) she had passed the test.
5. The child said (that) he/she could swim.

Exercise B — True or False

Q6–10

6. T
7. F
8. T
9. F
10. T

Exercise C — Change to direct speech

Q11–14

11. "I am going to the market," he said.
12. "I love the book," she said.
13. "We have won the competition!" they announced.
14. "I have made a mistake," he said.

Exercise D — Multiple choice

Q15–17

15. She said she would call me.
16. They said they were leaving the next day.
17. He asked if I could help him.

Exercise E — Write your own sentences

Q18–20

18. (own answer)
19. (own answer)
20. (own answer)

Total: 20 points · Side A: Q1–10 · Side B: Q11–20