

Direct and Indirect Speech Exercises

[Sample Exercises with Answer]

Exercise 1: Identifying Direct and Indirect Speech

Identify whether the following sentences are in direct or indirect speech:

1. "I'm so excited about my upcoming vacation!" exclaimed Sarah.
2. Sarah exclaimed that she was so excited about her upcoming vacation.
3. "Please don't forget to bring the milk," said Emily.
4. Emily reminded me to bring the milk.
5. "I'm not sure how to solve this problem," admitted Tom.
6. Tom admitted his difficulty in solving the problem.
7. "What a beautiful sunset!" marvelled David.
8. David marvelled at the beauty of the sunset.
9. "I'm so sorry for breaking your vase," said Jessica.
10. Jessica apologized for breaking my vase.

Answers:

1. Direct speech
2. Indirect speech
3. Direct speech
4. Indirect speech
5. Indirect speech
6. Indirect speech
7. Direct speech
8. Indirect speech
9. Direct speech
10. Indirect speech

Exercise 2: Changing Direct Speech to Indirect Speech

Convert the following sentences from direct speech to indirect speech:

1. "I'm going to the movies tonight," said Alex.
2. "I'm planning to cook dinner for my friends," said Beth.
3. "Can you help me with my homework?" asked Carl.
4. "I'm feeling a bit overwhelmed by my workload," said Daniel.
5. "I'm so disappointed that I missed the concert," said Emily.

Answers:

1. Alex informed me about his plan to go to the movies that night.
2. Beth expressed her intention to cook dinner for her friends.

3. Carl requested my assistance with his homework.
4. Daniel confessed to feeling overwhelmed by his workload.
5. Emily expressed her disappointment about missing the concert.

Exercise 3: Changing Indirect Speech to Direct Speech

Convert the following sentences from indirect speech to direct speech:

1. The teacher told the students to be quiet.
2. My friend asked me if I could lend him my car.
3. The manager informed the employees about the upcoming company picnic.
4. The doctor advised the patient to rest and avoid strenuous activities.
5. The news report stated that the storm had caused widespread damage.

Answers:

1. "Be quiet, please," said the teacher.
2. "Can I lend you my car?" asked my friend.
3. "There will be a company picnic next week," announced the manager.
4. "Get plenty of rest and avoid strenuous activities," advised the doctor.
5. "The storm has caused widespread damage," reported the newscaster.

