# Direct and Indirect Speech Worksheet with Answers

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## A. Statements

*Change into indirect speech.*

1. Ravi said, "I am tired."
2. Neha said, "I like this song."
3. He said to me, "I will help you."
4. She said, "I have finished my homework."
5. They said, "We are going to Goa."
6. Arjun said, "I saw the film yesterday."
7. The teacher said, "The earth moves round the sun."
8. Mother says, "Dinner is ready."

## B. Questions

*Change into indirect speech. Use if/whether or the question word, and statement word order.*

1. She said to me, "Are you coming?"
2. He said to Priya, "Where do you live?"
3. The doctor said to the patient, "How do you feel now?"
4. Ravi said to me, "Can you lend me your pen?"
5. I said to him, "Did you call me?"
6. Neha said to her friend, "What are you doing?"

## C. Commands and requests

*Change into indirect speech using told, ordered, requested or warned + to + verb.*

1. The teacher said to the students, "Open your books."

2. Mother said to me, "Don't touch the stove."

3. He said to the waiter, "Please bring me some water."

4. The officer said to the crowd, "Stand in a line."

5. She said to her brother, "Please help me with this box."

## D. Exclamations and greetings

*Change into indirect speech.*

1. She said, "What a beautiful garden!"

2. He said, "Alas! I have lost my wallet."

3. The students said to the teacher, "Good morning, sir."

## E. Indirect to direct

*Change into direct speech.*

1. He told me that he was busy.

2. She asked me where I was going.

3. The teacher told us not to make a noise.

# Answer Key

### A. Statements

1. Ravi said that he was tired.
2. Neha said that she liked that song.
3. He told me that he would help me.
4. She said that she had finished her homework.
5. They said that they were going to Goa.
6. Arjun said that he had seen the film the day before.
7. The teacher said that the earth moves round the sun. (a universal truth keeps its tense)
8. Mother says that dinner is ready. (a present reporting verb keeps the tense)

### B. Questions

1. She asked me if (whether) I was coming.
2. He asked Priya where she lived.
3. The doctor asked the patient how he (or she) felt then.
4. Ravi asked me if I could lend him my pen.
5. I asked him if he had called me.
6. Neha asked her friend what she was doing.

### C. Commands and requests

1. The teacher told (ordered) the students to open their books.
2. Mother told (warned) me not to touch the stove.
3. He requested the waiter to bring him some water.
4. The officer ordered the crowd to stand in a line.
5. She requested her brother to help her with that box.

### D. Exclamations and greetings

1. She exclaimed that it was a very beautiful garden.
2. He exclaimed sadly that he had lost his wallet.
3. The students respectfully wished the teacher good morning.

### E. Indirect to direct

1. He said to me, "I am busy."
2. She said to me, "Where are you going?"
3. The teacher said to us, "Don't make a noise."


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