Apa sih Direct and Indirect Speech itu?

Direct dan *Indirect Speech* itu sendiri adalah bagian dari *reported speech* yang digunakan untuk mengatakan kembali sesuatu yang telah diucapkan oleh orang lain. *Direct speech* merupakan ungkapan yang dikutip secara eksplisit. Pada indirect speech, kita mengutarakan kembali apa yang telah disebutkan oleh orang lain dengan mengganti pronoun, tense, dan atau beberapa kata lainnya sehingga kita perlu memperhatikan struktur kalimat dengan baik.

Lalu apa saja kelas kata apa yang digunakan untuk diletakkan di dalam *reported speech*? Kelas kata utama yang perlu digunakan dalam *indirect speech* adalah **verb** seperti *say* dan *tell*.

1. Jika *reported speech* terjadi di masa yang sama,

No	Tense	Direct speech	Indirect speech
1	*Simple present tense*	*Joanne loves fried chicken*	*She says (that) she loves fried chicken*
		I like butterflies	*He tells (that) he likes butterflies*
2	*Present continuous tense*	*My mom is collecting gem stones*	*He is saying (that) her mom is collecting gem stones*
		Harper and Ghea are standing upside down	*They are telling (that) they are standing upside down*

2. Jika *reported speech* terjadi di masa lalu,

No	Tense	Direct speech	Indirect speech
1	*Simple present tense*	*I sell the limited-edition album*	*She said (that) she sold the limited album*
		I open a café in 2020	*He told me (that) he opened a café in 2020*
2	*Present progressive tense*	*Keenan is eating green bean soup for breakfast*	*He said (that) he was eating green bean soup for breakfast*
		They are having fun	*They told me they were having fun*
3	*Simple past*	*He saw a bald eagle in the sky*	*He said (that) he had seen a bald eagle in the sky*
		Antony bought a house in the suburb	*He told her (that) he had bought a house in the suburb*

4	Past progressive tense	They were running on the street in the middle of the night	They said they were running on the street in the middle of the night
		I was thinking the same	She told me (that) she was thinking the same
5	Present perfect	They haven't seen Muthia	They said they hadn't seen Muthia
		I haven't told them about this case	She told me (that) she hadn't told them about this case
6	Past perfect	She had brought us cakes	She said (that) she had brought us cakes
		We had help from me	They told them (that) they had help from me

Notes:

1. untuk kata "*that*" dapat digunakan secara opsional karena jika kita pakai atau tidak, arti dan makna dari kalimat tidak akan berubah.
2. Jika menggunakan kata kerja "*tell*", maka perlu ada penambahan *object* setelah kata kerja tersebut.
3. Umumnya, kita tak perlu mengubah *tenses* dalam kalimat jika informasi yang diberikan masih berlaku dan merupakan sebuah *general truth*.

Nah, sekarang ayo kita mulai asah kemampuan kamu!

Quiz!

Q 1 - She said to interviewer, "Could you please repeat the question?"

A - She requested the interviewer if he could please repeat the question.

B - She requested the interviewer to please repeat the question.

C - She requested the interviewer to repeat the question.

D - She requested the interviewer if he could repeat the question.

Q 2 - They said to me, "I have often told you not to play with fire."

A - They said that he has often been telling me not to play with fire.

B - They told me that he had often told me not to play with fire.

C - They reminded me that he often said to me not to play with fire.

D - They said to me that he often told me not to play with fire.

Q 3 - The little girl said to her mother, "Did the sun rise in the East?"

A - The little girl said to her mother that the sun rose in the East.

B - The little girl asked her mother if the sun rose in the East.

C - The little girl said to her mother if the sun rises in the East.

D - The little girl asked her mother if the sun is in the East.

Q 4 - The government has announced, "Taxes will be raised"

A - The government has announced that taxes would be raised.

B - The government has announced that taxes would raised.

C - The government has announced that taxes will be raised.

D - The government has announced taxes will be raised.

Q 5 - "Where will you be tomorrow," I said, "in case I have to ring you?"

A - I asked where you will be the next day in case I will ring him.

B - I asked where he would be the next day in case I had to ring him.

C - I said to him where he will be in case I have to ring him.

D - I enquired about his where about the next day in case I would have to ring up.

Q 6 - "You can't bathe in this sea," he said to me, "it's very rough."

A - He said that I can't bathe in this sea because it's very rough.

B - He said that you couldn't bathe in the sea if it was very rough.

C - He said that I couldn't bathe in that sea as it was very rough.

D - He said that you can't bathe in this sea since it was very rough.

Q 7 - Suresh asked, " How long will it take to travel from Germany to South Africa?"

A - Suresh asked how long it will take to travel from Germany to South Africa.

B - Suresh asked how long would it take to travel from Germany to South Africa.

C - Suresh asked how long it would take to travel from Germany to South Africa.

D - Suresh was asking how long must it take to travel from Germany to South Africa.

Q 8 - She said, ''I have written a prize-winning essay."

A - She said that he has written a prize-winning essay.

B - She said that I have written a prize-winning essay.

C - She said that he had written a prize-winning essay.

D - She says that he has written a prize-winning essay.

Q 9 - He said to me, "I don't believe you."

A - He decided not to believe me.

B - "I don't believe you'' he said.

C - He said he not believe me.

D - He told me that he didn't believe me.

Q 10 - She said, "Why didn't you send your application to me?"

A - She enquired why I had not sent my application to him.

B - She enquired why I did not send my application to him.

C - She enquired why had I not sent my application to him.

D - She enquired why did I not send my application to him.

Key answers!

1. C
2. B
3. B
4. C
5. B
6. C
7. B
8. C
9. D
10. A

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