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Direct and Indirect Speech (contd.)

Changing the Tense of the reported Speech

a. The tense of the reported speech needs to be changed so as to convert the direct speech into

Indirect speech

b. If the reporting verb of first sentence of the direct
Speech is either in present tense or future

Tense, no change will be made in the reported speech

In order to convert it into Indirect speech.

c. Only if the reporting speech or the first sentence of direct speech is in the past tense change
will

be made in the tense of the reported speech

so as to convert it into Indirect speech, the sentence will be converted into past tense.

For example:

She said, "I am going to Delhi." (Direct Speech)

She said that she was going to Delhi.

(Indirect speech)

Anita says, " I am playing badminton"

(Direct Speech)

Anita says that she is playing badminton. (Indirect speech)

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