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Direct and Indirect Speech(contd.)

Converting Direct Speech to Indirect Speech

There are two components of direct speech-

a. Reporting Verb b. Reported Speech

Reporting Verb; The verb of the first sentence,

For eg. She said, he says, they said etc. which come

before the speaker speaks the actual words that

he/she intends to speak is called a reporting verb

For eg.

She said, "I am going to Delhi. "

He says, "She is a beautiful girl."

Here, Reporting verb is said and says.

Reported Speech-

The sentence that follows enclosed in the quotation

Marks is called the Reported Speech. These are the actual word of speaker.

For eg.

He said, "I want to become a doctor."
They said, "We like to play cricket."

Basic Rules for Conversion of Direct speech

to Indirect Speech:

1. The reported speech which refers to the words that are spoken by the speaker is not enclosed in quotation marks in Indirect speech.

2.In indirect speech the conjunction that is always used. It is placed between the reporting verb and

reported speech.
For eg.
He said, "I will buy a car. (Direct Speech)
He said that he would buy a car. (Indirect speech)
(Continued.)
(Read and write the above rules carefully.)