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Direct and Indirect Speech

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Two components of direct

speech:

1.Reporting Verb:

The verb of the first sentence e. g. she said, he

says, They said etc. which

come before the speaker speaks the actual words

that he/she intends to speak is called reporting

verb. For example:

She **said**, "I want to dance" He , **says**, "You are a smart
Person. "

They **say**, "You have done really well in your exams, "

2.Reported speech:

The sentence that follows enclosed in the quotation marks

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

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. He said, "I got a scholarship. ___

. She says," I want to become a scientist. "

.They said, "We play cricket on Sunday. "

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's always used. It is placed between the reporting verb and the reported speech.

For Example:

. He said, "I will write a letter to her. "(Direct Speech.)

. He said that he would write a letter to her.

(Indirect Speech)
