

KS2 English Quiz - Indirect Speech (Questions)

This KS2 English quiz challenges you on indirect speech. Indirect speech can also be called 'reported speech', which explains its meaning very well. If someone has spoken to you and you tell someone else what she or he said, you are using indirect speech. Too much dialogue in your writing can be confusing (and boring for the reader), so it's important to practise using reported speech.

You will know that it's good to check your work for errors and spelling mistakes. It's especially important in this style of writing to make sure you haven't got things the wrong way round. So be sure to spend a few minutes re-reading your writing until you are completely happy with it.

Look carefully at each of the answers in this quiz before making your choice.

1. Read the words that have been written in direct speech. Which answer correctly reports the words using indirect speech?

"Which is your favourite sweet, Chloe?" asked Emily.



- I want to know what your favourite sweet is.
- Emily asked Chloe what her favourite sweet was.
- What is your favourite sweet?
- Which sweet is Chloe's favourite?

2. Read the words that have been written in direct speech. Which answer correctly reports the words using indirect speech?

"I'm not feeling very well," moaned Adam.



- Adam said he wasn't feeling very well.
- I'm not feeling well.
- Adam said I'm not feeling well.
- Adam said you're not feeling well.

3. Read the words that have been written in direct speech. Which answer correctly reports the words using indirect speech?

"Unfortunately, school will be closed tomorrow," Mr. Smith said, sadly.



- Will school be closed tomorrow?
- School will be closed tomorrow.
- Mr. Smith said that school would be closed tomorrow.
- Mr. Smith said, "Sadly, school will be closed tomorrow."

4. Read the words that have been written in direct speech. Which answer correctly reports the words using indirect speech?

The mysterious voice said, "You will find the second clue under the bed."



- The second clue was under the bed.
- The mysterious voice told me that I would find the second clue under the bed.
- The second clue will be under the bed.
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5. Read the words that have been written in direct speech. Which answer correctly reports the words using indirect speech?

"Expect heavy showers on Thursday," said the weatherman.



- Expect heavy showers on Thursday, said the weatherman.
- The weatherman said it rained heavily on Thursday.
- I think there will be heavy showers on Thursday.
- The weatherman said to expect heavy showers on Thursday.

7. Read the words that have been written in direct speech. Which answer correctly reports the words using indirect speech?

"I hope I never have to speak to my neighbour again," Nan said, banging the door rather irritably.



- I hope I don't ever have to speak to the neighbour again.
- Nan said she had banged the door.
- Nan said I hoped not to have to speak to the neighbour again.
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6. Read the words that have been written in direct speech. Which answer correctly reports the words using indirect speech?

"Whisk the cream, then add the melted chocolate," instructed the chef on the television.



- The chef said to whisk the cream before adding the melted chocolate.
- Whisk the cream, then add the chocolate, the chef says.
- The chef said you whisked the cream and added the chocolate.
- Whisk the cream, then add the melted chocolate, the chef instructs.

8. Read the words that have been written in direct speech. Which answer correctly reports the words using indirect speech?

Peter said, "That was the best film I've ever seen!"



- That was the best film I've ever seen.
- It was the best film you've ever seen.
- Peter said it was the best film he'd ever seen.
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9. Read the words that have been written in direct speech. Which answer correctly reports the words using indirect speech?

"Could I just have a look in lost property?" Leah asked the receptionist.



- Leah wanted to have a look in lost property.
- Leah asked the receptionist if she could look in lost property.
- Leah asked could I have a look in lost property.
- Leah asked me to look in lost property.

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"Watch out!" the whole team screamed at us.



- We had to watch out, because the team screamed.
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Make sure you get the two girls the right way round!

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Remember indirect speech doesn't require quote marks.

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It is necessary to change from first person to third when you are reporting what someone else said. Adam says 'I', but we must use 'he'.

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To report speech, you will often need to change the tense. Here the verb changes from 'will find' to 'would find'.

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Here the imperative 'expect' becomes 'to expect'.

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Can you guess what mood Nan was in?

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The imperative 'whisk' becomes 'to whisk' - reported instructions will follow this rule: the coach said to run; the MP said to vote; the teacher said to be quiet....

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Did you remember to change from first to third person?

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The first answer might be true, but it is not reported (indirect) speech.

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Don't forget to add any necessary punctuation.