**Level**: 1st year secondary school (Literary and Scientific stream)

***Direct and Reported Speech***

***Direct speech***: It means to say exactly what someone else said, it is usually put inside quotation marks **“……”**

E.g. She says: **“**I am at home**”** or  **“**I am at home**”**, she says

***Reported Speech (indirect speech)****:*

* It is used to report what other people say, think or believe.

Eg: She **says**: **“**I am at home**”** She **says** that she is at home (reported speech)

* The verbs used to report are called reporting verbs ( ***say, tell, explain, ask, beg, instruct, advise, warn, promise, remind, suggest, admit, to apologize request…etc)***
* When we transform/change direct to reported speech , it is necessary to change:
* **Verb tense** (The tense of the reported verb shift back if the reporting verb is in **the past**)

Eg: She **said:** “I **am** at home” She **said** **that** she **was** at home.

* **Pronouns :** changing the pronouns depends on who says what, so you have to be careful while reporting pronouns because there is no guiding rule.
* **Time/place markers**
* **Verbs shift back (change)**

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| **Direct speech** | **Reported speech** |
| **Present simple**  **Present continuous**  **Present perfect**  **Present perfect continuous**  **Past simple**  **Past continuous**  **Past perfect**  **Past perfect continuous** | Past simple  Past continuous  Past perfect  Past perfect continuous  Past perfect  Past perfect continuous  Past perfect  Past perfect continuous |

* **Model verbs**

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| **Direct speech** | **Reported Speech** |
| **Will**  **Can**  **Must**  **Shall**  **may** | Would  Could  Had to  Should  Might |

* **Time/place changes**

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| **Direct speech** | **Reported speech** |
| **Here**  **These**  **This**  **Today**  **These days**  **Now**  **A week ago**  **Last week**  **Next week**  **tomorrow** | There  Those  That  That day  Those days  Then  A week before  The previous week  The following week  The next/following day |

* **Different types of sentences**

When you use reported speech, you either report:

* Statements
* questions
* requests
* orders
* ***Reporting questions:***

1. **WH questions:** **the reporting verb + s + v.**

**Example:**

He asked me,: “What do you want to drink?”

He asked me what I **wanted** to drink

1. **Yes, no questions**: **The reporting verb + if / whether + s +v.**

**Example:**

He asked: “Do you like English?”

He asked him if he **liked** English.

* ***Reporting Requests:***

**The reporting verb + to + infinitive**.

**Example:**

He asked: “Can you help me?”

He asked me **to help** him.

* ***Reporting Orders:***

1. **Positive:** **The reporting verb + to + infinitive.**

**Example:**

He said: “Stop writing.”

He ordered me to stop writing

1. **Negative :** **The reporting verb + not to + infinitive**

**Example:**

He said: “Don’t talk to strangers.”

He ordered me not to talk to strangers.