

Direct and Indirect Speech

Name: _____

Date: _____

Remember: Direct speech uses the exact words someone said, with quotation marks. Indirect speech reports what someone said without using their exact words or quotation marks.

Example: "I am going to the park," said Sarah. → Sarah said that she was going to the park.

Part A: Convert Direct Speech to Indirect Speech

Rewrite each sentence in indirect (reported) speech.

1. "I have finished my homework," Tom announced.

2. "We will arrive at three o'clock," the teacher told us.

3. "I can't find my pencil case," complained Emma.

4. "Do you want to play football?" asked Jack.

5. "I saw a kererū in the garden yesterday," Mum said.

Part B: Convert Indirect Speech to Direct Speech

Rewrite each sentence in direct speech. Remember to use quotation marks and correct punctuation!

6. Dad said that he would cook dinner tonight.

7. The librarian told the children that they needed to be quiet.

8. Sophie asked whether we had seen her brother.

9. The coach explained that practice would start at four o'clock.

10. Ben said that he had never been to Wellington before.

Part C: Mixed Practice

Convert each sentence to the opposite form (direct ↔ indirect).

11. "Where are you going?" asked the principal.

12. Lucy mentioned that she loved reading mystery books.

13. "Please close the door behind you," requested Mrs Jones.

14. The weather forecaster announced that rain was expected tomorrow.
