

DIRECT SPEECH

Direct speech is when you write the exact words that someone says. It is shown by using speech marks or inverted commas.

Rules:

- See **Speech Marks or Inverted Commas** grammar sheet.



INDIRECT OR REPORTED SPEECH

Indirect or reported speech is when you report what someone says without using the exact words spoken.

Rules.

- Do not use speech marks.
- **Pronouns**, **tenses** and **time adverbials** may need to change.
- The word **that** is often used to introduce what was said, but not always.

Direct speech	Indirect or reported speech
"I'll go to the canteen today," said John.	John said that he would go to the canteen that day.
"Can Jane come home with me after school?" asked Julie.	Julie asked if Jane could come home with her after school.



Avoid using **say** or **said** too often! Vary your vocabulary by using words like **explained**, **promised**, **shouted** etc. instead.