

**DIRECT-INDIRECT
SPEECH**

or

**REPORTED
SPEECH**

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WHAT is this indirect/reported speech ?

WHY do we need to learn this ?

HOW do we use it in our daily conversation ?

Listen to every word I say **CAREFULLY** !



Reported !



Speech !



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- Understand your thoughts, it's easyyy...
- Past conversations or just expressed feelings are presented by writing or talked about in present moment is Reported Speech...

My friend, John said to me, “ I want to buy a car.” (Direct Speech)

My friend, John told me that he wanted to buy a car. (Indirect Speech)

❑ Four types of sentences in our daily conversation:

➤ Assertive Sentence.

Ordinary Sentences (+ / -).

➤ Exclamatory Sentence.

Sentences with emotions !!!

➤ Interrogative Sentence.

Questions ???

➤ Imperative Sentence.

Sentences with expressions like command, request, order, warn and so on.

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We all use these sentences in our regular communication.

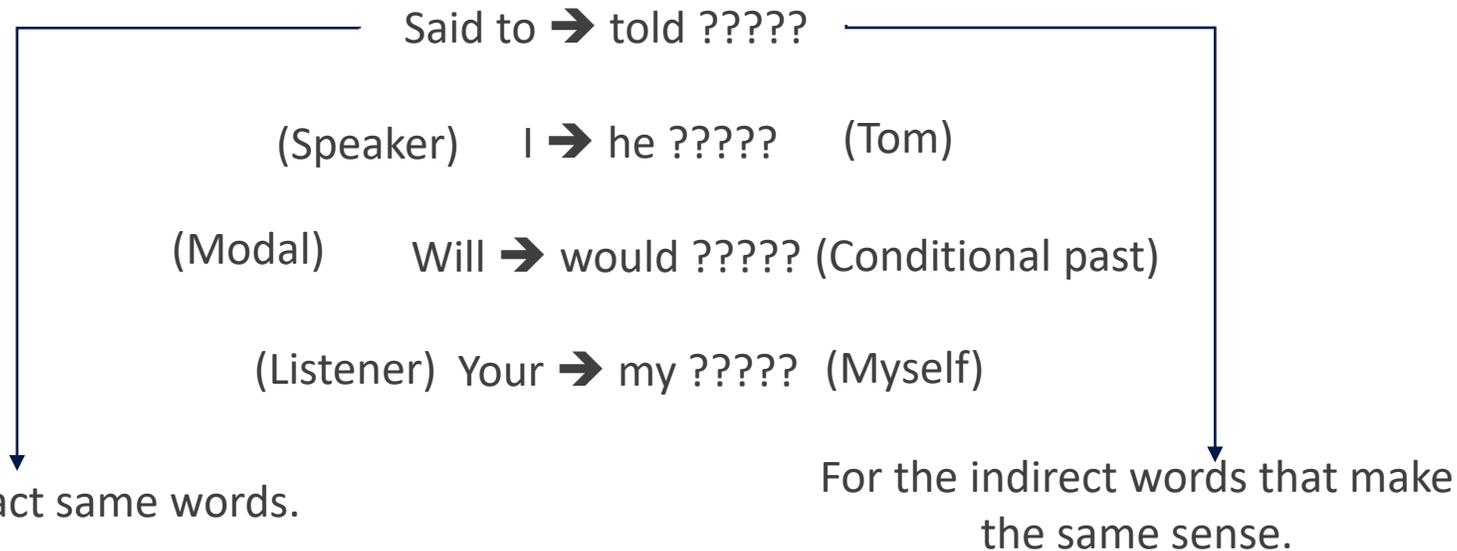
Assertive Sentence

Ex:

Tom said to me, "I will join your team." (Direct Speech)

Tom told me that he would join my team. (Indirect Speech)

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NOTE: 'said to' becomes 'told' only when listener is given.

Ex:

Tom said, "I will join my brother's team." (Direct Speech)

Tom said that he would join his brother's team. (Indirect Speech)

Exclamatory Sentence

Ex:

Tom said, "Oh! I have lost my wallet." (Direct Speech)

Tom exclaimed that he had lost his wallet. (Indirect Speech)

OR

Tom exclaimed with **sadness** that he had lost his wallet. (Indirect Speech)

Here , 'exclaimed' is the reporting verb that describes how the idea is reported.

'Oh!' is an interjection that adds an expression to the sentence.

NOTE: Emotion is always depended on the written or the spoken manner of the sentence.

Ex:

Tom said, "Oh! I have made a huge mistake." (Direct Speech)

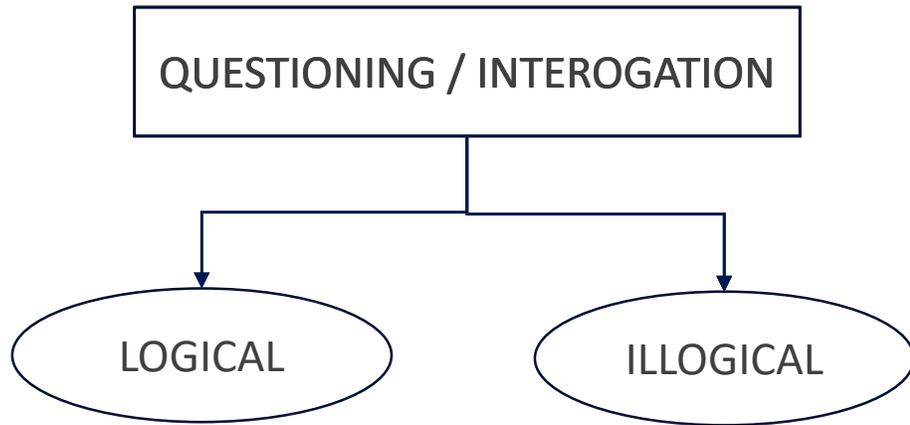
Tom exclaimed that he had made a huge mistake. (Indirect Speech)

OR

Tom exclaimed with **regret** that he had made a huge mistake. (Indirect Speech)

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Interrogative Sentence



NOTE: **Logical** question uses 'if' / 'whether...or not' as conditional conjunction.

Illogical question uses 'what, where, why, how and so on' as interrogative conjunction.

Tom asked me, "Will you join me?" (Direct Speech)

Tom asked me **if** I would join him. (Indirect Speech)

OR

Tom asked me **whether** I would join him **or not**. (Indirect Speech)

Tom asked me, "Where are you going?" (Direct Speech)

Tom asked me **where** I was going. (Indirect Speech)

LOGICAL

ILLOGICAL

Imperative Sentence.

Tom said to me, "Please help me with my project." (Direct Speech)

Tom **requested** me **to** help him with his project. (Indirect Speech)

NOTE:

'**requested**' is the reporting verb.

'**to**' is a linking word that links two sentences into one.

Tom said to me, "Don't go near that wild dog." (Direct Speech)

Tom **warned** me **not to** go near that wild dog. (Indirect Speech)

Tom said to his servant, "Get me a cup of tea." (Direct Speech)

Tom **ordered** his servant **to** get him a cup of tea. (Indirect Speech)

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