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Changing an Interrogative Sentence into the Indirect Speech

Examples

Direct: The Father said, 'Son, did I not ask you to study hard?'

Indirect: The father **enquired of** his son **if he had not asked** him to study hard.

Direct: My father said to me, 'Where were you last night?'

Indirect: My father **demande d of me where I had been** the previous night.

Direct: She said, 'Friend, will you wait for a moment?'

Indirect: She **asked her friend if she would wait** for a moment.

Interrogative sentences beginning with a question word

When a question begins with a question word such as **what, who, whom, when, where, why, how** etc., the same word is used to introduce the question in the indirect speech. In other words, the question word becomes the joining word instead of **that, if or whether**.

Exercise

Direct: Viola said to Rosalind, 'Where are you going?'

Indirect: Viola _____ Rosalind where _____

Direct: The teacher asked the new comer, 'What is your name?'

Indirect: The teacher _____ the new comer _____

Direct: The wolf said to the lamps, 'Why are you all so sad?'

Indirect: The wolf _____ the lamps _____ all so sad.

Direct: The mother said to her daughter, 'Dear, how have you fared in the examination?'

Indirect: _____

Direct: The shopkeeper said to me, 'Which bag do you want?'

Indirect: _____

Direct: She said to him, 'Why are you disturbing me?'

Indirect: _____

Direct: I said to the boys, 'Who teaches you English?'

Indirect: _____

Direct: John said to Mary, 'What are you doing?'

Indirect: _____

Direct: The old man said to himself, 'Why did I come here?'

