

DIRECT AND REPORTED SPEECH



What are the differences between these two texts?

DIRECT

"Are you free tonight?" she asked.

"I failed a test last week," she said.

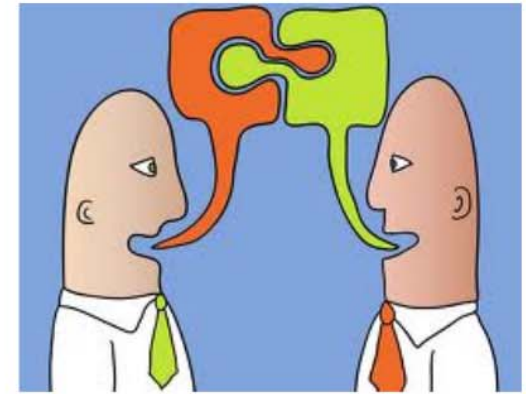
He asked, "Have you seen any good movies lately?"

REPORTED

She asked if I was free that night.

She said she had failed an exam the week before.

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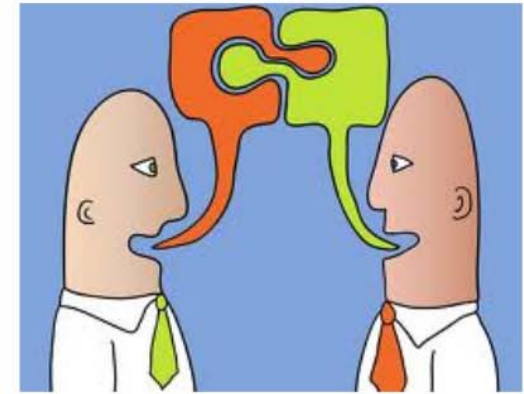


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Can you change these to direct speech?

Think about which bit is being spoken. You will have to change the tense of the verbs.



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REPORTED

He asked me what I wanted from him.

"What do you want from me?" he asked.

He wanted to know why I was crying.

Lily told me not to eat so much.

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There are lots of rules to be aware of...

Speech marks go around the part that you hear...

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"Did you learn anything today?" he asked, "because I did."

"Yes I did," the other replied.

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"Well this is a great lesson!" she said.

"I agree," replied the teacher.

Shouldn't be a capital after the ?

"What time is it?" he asked.

Shouldn't be a capital if continuing the speech.

"Have you eaten?" she asked, "you look hungry."

Forgot the comma after film.

"I enjoyed that film," she added.

Forgot the comma after asked (when speech is split).

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No errors! This is perfect.