**Rules for the Change of Pronouns in Indirect Speech**

**First person pronouns** in the direct speech change according to the subject of the reporting verb in the indirect speech.

Direct: **He** said, **‘I** am busy.’
Indirect: **He** said that **he** was busy.
Direct: **She** said, ‘**I** am unwell.’
Indirect: **She** said that **she** was unwell.
Direct: **I** said, ‘**I** will be late.’
Indirect: **I** said that **I** would be late.
Direct: **They** said, ‘**We** will not permit this.’
Indirect: **They** said that **they** would not permit that.
Direct: **We** said, ‘**We** need to buy some clothes.’
Indirect: **We** said that **we** needed to buy some clothes.’

**Second person pronouns** in the direct speech change according to the object of the reporting verb in the indirect speech.

Direct: He said to **me**, ‘**You** have to come with me.’
Indirect: He told **me** that **I** had to go with him.
Direct: She said to **me,** ‘**You** can go.’
Indirect: She told **me** that **I** could go.

Direct: She said to **him**, ‘**You** can go.’

Indirect: She told **him** that **he** could go.

**Third person pronouns** in the direct speech will not change in the indirect speech.

Direct: He said, **‘She** is a good girl.’
Indirect: He said that **she** was a good girl.
Direct: She said, ‘**They** have invited us.’
Indirect: She said that **they** had invited them.
Direct: They said, ‘**He** does not have the necessary qualifications.’
Indirect: They said that **he** did not have the necessary qualifications.

**Notes**

While changing the pronouns in the manner stated above, it should be noted that the new (changed) pronoun will have the same case and number as the original one.

**I** will change into **he, she, you or it.**
**We** will change into **you or they.**
Singular **you** will change into **I, she, he or it.**
Plural **you** will change into **we or they.**
**He, she and it** will change into **I** only.
**They** will change into **you or we.**
**Me** will change into **him, her, you or it.**
**Us** will change into **you or them.**
Singular **you** used as object will change into **me, him, her or it.**
Plural **you** used as object will change into **us or them.**
**Him, her or it** will change into **me or you.**
**Them** will change into **us or you.
My** will change into **your, his, her or its.**
**Our** will change into **your or their.**
**His, her and its** will change into **my or your.**
**Their** will change into **our or your.**

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