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ENGLISH

MOST IMPORTANT RULES OF

DIRECT & INDIRECT

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Direct – she says to me ,” I like samosa” (exact words)

Indirect - she tells me that she likes samosa (words by another speaker)

Direct- sita said to me , “I love you very much”

Indirect – sita told me that she loved me very much”



General rules :-

1. Change of tense
2. Change of pronouns ‘
3. Change of words related to time and tense



2. Change of pronouns :-

Reporting verb

reported speech

Subject

1st

Object

2nd

No change

3rd

Direct – she said to me , “ I have done my work “

Indirect – she told me that she had done her work

Direct – ram said to her, “you have a good smile”

Indirect- ram told her that she had a good smile .

3. Change of words related to time / tense

DIRECT

Ago

Now

Today

Tomorrow

Tonight

Yesterday

This/ these

Here

Last night / week

Next week

Thus

Hence

Hither

INDIRECT

Before

Then

That day

The next day

That night

The previous / last day

That / those

There

The previous night / week

The following week

So

Thence

Thither

❑ SAID / SAY / SAYS ----- NO
CHANGE

❖ SAID TO ---- TOLD

➤ SAYS TO ---- TELLS

➤ SAY TO ----- TELL

➤ INVERTED COMMA--- THAT



INTERROGATIVE SENTENCES



1- She said to me ,”have you purchased all of these” ?

She asked me if I had purchased all of those.



2. He said , “is he going to America?”

He asked if he was going to America .



3. She said to him, “do you live here?”

She asked him if he lived there



4. Rahul asked, “where do you work?”

Rahul asked where I worked



5. He says, “how do we survive?”

He asks how they survive .



Thank
you

