

Direct to Reported Speech

Example 1:

“I want to be a hero!” announced Fred. (DIRECT SPEECH)

becomes:

*Fred announced **that** he wanted to be a hero. (REPORTED SPEECH)*

Notice these things:

1. reported speech in the **past tense** (want becomes wanted)
2. You no longer use inverted commas (speech marks, “.”)
3. The word **that** is added
4. No extra information is added

Example 2:

*“I like **your** shoes!” commented Claire. (DIRECT SPEECH)*

becomes

*Claire commented that she liked **my** shoes. (REPORTED SPEECH)*

Notice these things:

1. The same four statements as example 1 are true
2. **PLUS** the pronoun your changes to my because in direct speech Claire is talking but in reported speech you’re telling me what Claire said

Change these sentences from direct to reported speech

1. “This work is easy!” exclaimed Zia.

2. “I want to go home,” pleaded Ben.

3. “It’s playtime,” announced Mr Wright.

4. “I know the answer,” Samantha whispered to Alisha.
