

Did you find all the features of a newspaper article?

- ▶ Attention-grabbing **headline**.
- ▶ **Introductory paragraph** with the facts of the story – Who? What? Where? When? How?
- ▶ **Clear sentences**; not too long or complicated.
- ▶ The story should be **exciting** and to the point.
- ▶ **Direct quotes** from witnesses or **reported speech** where you do not have a direct quote.
- ▶ **Short paragraphs** to break up the text.
- ▶ A **clear conclusion**.

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The style of a newspaper article can be informal or formal:

Informal (chatty):

- ▶ Use of **direct speech**.
- ▶ **Active** voice – to say exactly who did what.
- ▶ **Shorter** sentences.
- ▶ Use of **contractions** such as don't or wouldn't.

Formal:

- ▶ Use of **reported speech**.
- ▶ **Passive** voice to avoid saying who or what was the cause.
- ▶ **Longer** sentences.
- ▶ No use of **contractions**.

LO: Direct and indirect speech

Direct Speech is when you write down exactly what the person is saying:

“What is going on here?” asked Jenny.

Indirect Speech is when you are repeating what someone has said.

(Imagine that you are telling another person what Jenny said.)

You do not need speech marks.

Indirect Speech is also known as **reported speech**.

It is written in the past tense.

Jenny asked what was going on.

Golden rules for direct speech

1. All speech must be in speech marks (or inverted commas).
“Hello”
2. You must punctuate before the end speech marks (, ! ? .).
“Hello!”
3. Each new speaker is on a new line.
“Hello!”
“How are you?”
4. Include **dialogue tags** – who said what and how.
“Hello!” **called Fred loudly.**
“How are you?” **Joe enquired.**

Golden rules for converting direct speech to indirect speech

1. Remove speech marks and punctuation marks in the middle of the sentence.
2. Change the tense (present to past, past to past perfect)
3. Change the order of words so you are telling someone what has been said.
4. Sometimes you need to add 'feeling' words, e.g. "Wow!" becomes he expressed surprise.

"Hello!" says Fred.

Hello said Fred.

Fred said hello.

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Here are some examples:

- ▶ The girl said, "I like singing." **Direct**
The girl said **that** she liked singing. **Indirect**
- ▶ Rahul said, "I will have to reach home by 8.30." **Direct**
Rahul said **that** he **would have** to reach home by 8.30. **Indirect**
- ▶ Alina said, "I **met** James yesterday." **Direct**
Alina said **that** she **had met** James yesterday. **Indirect**

Your task:

Convert the following:

► Convert to **Direct speech:**

1. Alison explained that she did not like his singing.
2. Evan shouted that he was in a lot of pain.

► Convert to **Indirect speech:**

3. “You need my help, don’t you?” asked Bill.
4. “When you see me,” said Carl, “remind me to give you the card.”