

# Indirect Quotations

- An indirect quotation is a restatement of someone else's comments, rather than a word-for-word quotation.
- The word that often signals an indirect quotation is *quoting*.
- Quoting phrases are not used with indirect quotations.

## Example

Direct Quotation: Professor: "My car's fuel tank is flat again."  
Indirect Quotation: Professor said that his car's fuel tank was flat.

Direct Quotation: Sally's sister: "I'm sorry, I lost your tape."  
Indirect Quotation: Sally's sister is sorry for losing her tape, saying that she would be sorry later.

## Activity 1

Quote the following sentences, changing words as necessary to convert the sentences into direct quotations. The first one is done for you as an example.

1. The instructor told everyone to take out paper and sheets of paper. The instructor said, "Take out a pen and a sheet of paper."
2. A student's math book was closed if the class is out.
3. The instructor requested if you have any questions.
4. She asked that anyone who didn't understand could find it easy.
5. The student guessed that he was asked to go.

## Activity 2

Change the following sentences into indirect speech.

1. "Can't opening a bank account?" she said to her mother.
2. John Smith told his daughter that "The only way to survive is to be happy."
3. "Give me the letter," he commanded.
4. "In the classroom," the students told them, "the lessons are from their class."
5. "I don't see the problem," she declared. "It looks like the problem is."