

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*.
- Quoted 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 user is not.
3. The instructor requested if user chose of 0-999.
4. She asked her agent if she could find a house that is 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 a genius."
3. "Give me the letter!" he commanded.
4. "In the Garden," the author believes, "the flowers grow from their sleep."
5. "Don't eat my apples," she declared. "It looks like they're good!"