

## 100 Examples of English Narration Change with Analysis

### Simple Statements (Present to Past)

1.

Direct: She said, "I am tired."

Indirect: She said that she was tired.

**Analysis:** Present continuous → Past continuous; pronoun "I" → "she".

2.

Direct: He said, "I like ice cream."

Indirect: He said that he liked ice cream.

**Analysis:** Present simple → Past simple.

3.

Direct: They said, "We are busy."

Indirect: They said that they were busy.

**Analysis:** Present continuous → Past continuous.

4.

Direct: I said, "She sings well."

Indirect: I said that she sang well.

**Analysis:** Present simple → Past simple.

5.

Direct: He said, "It is raining."

Indirect: He said that it was raining.

**Analysis:** Present continuous → Past continuous.

**6.**

Direct: She said, "I know the answer."

Indirect: She said that she knew the answer.

**Analysis:** Present simple → Past simple.

**7.**

Direct: The teacher said, "The earth is round."

Indirect: The teacher said that the earth is round.

**Analysis:** Universal truth → No tense change.

**8.**

Direct: He said, "I am reading a novel."

Indirect: He said that he was reading a novel.

**Analysis:** Present continuous → Past continuous.

**9.**

Direct: She said, "I don't like coffee."

Indirect: She said that she didn't like coffee.

**Analysis:** Present negative → Past negative.

**10.**

Direct: They said, "We play football every Sunday."

Indirect: They said that they played football every Sunday.

**Analysis:** Present habitual → Past habitual.

## **Past Tense & Future Tense Statements**

**11.**

Direct: She said, "I went to the market yesterday."

Indirect: She said that she had gone to the market the previous day.

**Analysis:** Past simple → Past perfect; "yesterday" → "the previous day".

**12.**

Direct: He said, "I saw him last week."

Indirect: He said that he had seen him the previous week.

**Analysis:** Past simple → Past perfect; "last week" → "the previous week".

**13.**

Direct: They said, "We lived in Delhi in 2015."

Indirect: They said that they had lived in Delhi in 2015.

**Analysis:** Past simple → Past perfect (time reference kept).

**14.**

Direct: She said, "I was reading when you came."

Indirect: She said that she had been reading when I came.

**Analysis:** Past continuous → Past perfect continuous.

**15.**

Direct: He said, "I was working on the project."

Indirect: He said that he had been working on the project.

**Analysis:** Past continuous → Past perfect continuous.

**16.**

Direct: She said, "I had finished my homework."

Indirect: She said that she had finished her homework.

**Analysis:** Past perfect → Remains past perfect (no change).

**17.**

Direct: They said, "We had been waiting for two hours."

Indirect: They said that they had been waiting for two hours.

**Analysis:** Past perfect continuous → No change.

**18.**

Direct: He said, "I will call you tomorrow."

Indirect: He said that he would call me the next day.

**Analysis:** "Will" → "Would"; "tomorrow" → "the next day".

**19.**

Direct: She said, "We shall meet again."

Indirect: She said that they would meet again.

**Analysis:** "Shall" → "Would".

**20.**

Direct: They said, "We will travel to London next year."

Indirect: They said that they would travel to London the following year.

**Analysis:** "Will" → "Would"; "next year" → "the following year".

**21.**

Direct: He said, "I shall return soon."

Indirect: He said that he would return soon.

**Analysis:** Future simple → Future-in-the-past (*would*).

**22.**

Direct: She said, "We shall overcome the problem."

Indirect: She said that they would overcome the problem.

**Analysis:** "Shall" → "Would".

**23.**

Direct: He said, "I will help you."

Indirect: He said that he would help me.

**Analysis:** "Will" → "Would"; pronoun "you" → "me".

**24.**

Direct: They said, "We shall be late."

Indirect: They said that they would be late.

**Analysis:** Future simple → Would.

**25.**

Direct: She said, "I will go shopping today."

Indirect: She said that she would go shopping that day.

**Analysis:** "Today" → "That day".

**26.**

Direct: He said, "I will buy a new phone."

Indirect: He said that he would buy a new phone.

**Analysis:** "Will" → "Would".

**27.**

Direct: She said, "I shall meet my friend here."

Indirect: She said that she would meet her friend there.

**Analysis:** "Here" → "There".

**28.**

Direct: They said, "We will arrive tonight."

Indirect: They said that they would arrive that night.

**Analysis:** "Tonight" → "That night".

**29.**

Direct: He said, "I shall start my new job next month."

Indirect: He said that he would start his new job the following month.

**Analysis:** "Next month" → "The following month".

**30.**

Direct: She said, "I will write a letter soon."

Indirect: She said that she would write a letter soon.

**Analysis:** "Will" → "Would".

### **Questions (Yes/No)**

**31.**

Direct: She said, "Are you coming with me?"

Indirect: She asked if I was coming with her.

**Analysis:** Yes/No → use *if/whether*; pronoun "you" → "I"; tense shift.

**32.**

Direct: He said, "Do you like music?"

Indirect: He asked if I liked music.

**Analysis:** Present simple → Past simple; "Do" removed.

**33.**

Direct: They said, "Is it raining?"

Indirect: They asked if it was raining.

**Analysis:** Yes/No → *if* + inversion corrected.

**34.**

Direct: She said, "Can you help me?"

Indirect: She asked if I could help her.

**Analysis:** Modal "can" → "could"; pronoun change.

**35.**

Direct: He said, "Will you come tomorrow?"

Indirect: He asked if I would come the next day.

**Analysis:** "Will" → "Would"; "tomorrow" → "the next day".

**36.**

Direct: She said, "Are they here?"

Indirect: She asked if they were there.

**Analysis:** Yes/No; "here" → "there".

**37.**

Direct: He said, "May I leave now?"

Indirect: He asked if he might leave then.

**Analysis:** "May" → "Might"; "now" → "then".

**38.**

Direct: They said, "Have you seen the movie?"

Indirect: They asked if I had seen the movie.

**Analysis:** Present perfect → Past perfect.

**39.**

Direct: She said, "Did you meet him yesterday?"

Indirect: She asked if I had met him the previous day.

**Analysis:** Past simple → Past perfect; "yesterday" → "previous day".

**40.**

Direct: He said, "Shall we start now?"

Indirect: He asked if they should start then.

**Analysis:** "Shall" → "Should".

## **Wh- Questions**

**41.**

Direct: She said, "Where are you going?"

Indirect: She asked where I was going.

**Analysis:** Wh-word retained; tense shift present → past.

**42.**

Direct: He said, "What is your name?"

Indirect: He asked what my name was.

**Analysis:** Wh-word "what" retained; word order normal.

**43.**

Direct: They said, "When will you arrive?"

Indirect: They asked when I would arrive.

**Analysis:** "Will" → "Would".

**44.**

Direct: She said, "Why are you late?"

Indirect: She asked why I was late.

**Analysis:** Wh-word "why" retained; tense present → past.

**45.**

Direct: He said, "How do you solve this problem?"

Indirect: He asked how I solved that problem.

**Analysis:** Present → Past; "this" → "that".

**46.**

Direct: She said, "Which book do you prefer?"

Indirect: She asked which book I preferred.

**Analysis:** Wh-question simplified; tense shift applied.

**47.**

Direct: He said, "Who is at the door?"

Indirect: He asked who was at the door.

**Analysis:** Wh-word remains; tense shift.



**48.**

Direct: They said, "Whose car is this?"

Indirect: They asked whose car that was.

**Analysis:** "This" → "That"; word order normal.

**49.**

Direct: She said, "What are you doing now?"

Indirect: She asked what I was doing then.

**Analysis:** Present continuous → Past continuous; "now" → "then".

**50.**

Direct: He said, "Where did you go last night?"

Indirect: He asked where I had gone the previous night.

**Analysis:** Past simple → Past perfect; "last night" → "previous night".

## **Commands & Requests**

**51.**

Direct: She said, "Close the door."

Indirect: She told me to close the door.

**Analysis:** Imperative → *told + object + to + verb*.

**52.**

Direct: He said, "Please help me."

Indirect: He requested me to help him.

**Analysis:** "Please" → *requested*; pronoun change.

**53.**

Direct: The teacher said, "Stand up."

Indirect: The teacher ordered us to stand up.

**Analysis:** Strong imperative → *ordered*.

**54.**

Direct: She said, "Don't make noise."

Indirect: She told them not to make noise.

**Analysis:** Negative imperative → *not to + verb*.

**55.**

Direct: He said, "Let me go."

Indirect: He requested to be allowed to go.

**Analysis:** Special imperative → "let" becomes *to be allowed*.

**56.**

Direct: She said, "Don't tell a lie."

Indirect: She advised me not to tell a lie.

**Analysis:** Negative + moral → *advised not to*.

**57.**

Direct: He said, "Please wait for me."

Indirect: He requested me to wait for him.

**Analysis:** "Please" softens → *requested*.

**58.**

Direct: They said, "Sit quietly."

Indirect: They instructed us to sit quietly.

**Analysis:** Neutral imperative → *instructed*.

**59.**

Direct: The doctor said, "Take this medicine."

Indirect: The doctor advised me to take that medicine.

**Analysis:** Instruction in medical context → *advised*.

**60.**

Direct: Father said, "Work hard."

Indirect: Father advised me to work hard.

**Analysis:** Imperative as suggestion → *advised*.

## **Orders, Advice, Warnings, Proposals**

**61.**

Direct: The captain said, "Attack the enemy."

Indirect: The captain commanded the soldiers to attack the enemy.

**Analysis:** Strong imperative → *commanded*.

**62.**

Direct: The teacher said, "Don't be late."

Indirect: The teacher warned us not to be late.

**Analysis:** Negative advice → *warned not to*.

**63.**

Direct: He said, "Drive carefully."

Indirect: He advised me to drive carefully.

**Analysis:** Imperative as suggestion → *advised*.

**64.**

Direct: She said, "Beware of thieves."

Indirect: She warned me to beware of thieves.

**Analysis:** Warning → *warned*.

**65.**

Direct: The officer said, "March forward."

Indirect: The officer ordered them to march forward.

**Analysis:** Military context → *ordered*.

**66.**

Direct: He said, "Don't waste time."

Indirect: He advised me not to waste time.

**Analysis:** Negative moral imperative.

**67.**

Direct: She said, "Always speak the truth."

Indirect: She advised me to always speak the truth.

**Analysis:** Universal value → *advised*.

**68.**

Direct: The manager said, "Submit your report by Monday."

Indirect: The manager instructed us to submit our report by Monday.

**Analysis:** Formal instruction → *instructed*.

**69.**

Direct: The old man said, "Help the poor."

Indirect: The old man urged us to help the poor.

**Analysis:** Strong appeal → *urged*.

**70.**

Direct: He said, "Let's go for a walk."

Indirect: He proposed that we should go for a walk.

**Analysis:** "Let's" (suggestion) → *proposed that we should*.

## **Exclamations & Interjections**

**71.**

Direct: She said, "Wow! What a beautiful painting!"

Indirect: She exclaimed with wonder that it was a very beautiful painting.

**Analysis:** *Exclamatory* → *exclaimed with wonder*; "what a" → "very".

72.

Direct: He said, "Alas! My friend is dead."

Indirect: He exclaimed with sorrow that his friend was dead.

**Analysis:** *Alas* → *exclaimed with sorrow*.

73.

Direct: They said, "Hurrah! We have won the match."

Indirect: They exclaimed with joy that they had won the match.

**Analysis:** *Hurrah* → *exclaimed with joy*; tense shifted.

74.

Direct: She said, "Oh no! I missed the train."

Indirect: She exclaimed with regret that she had missed the train.

**Analysis:** "Oh no" → regret; past perfect used.

75.

Direct: He said, "What a pity you lost the chance!"

Indirect: He exclaimed with sorrow that it was a pity I had lost the chance.

**Analysis:** "What a pity" → sorrow expression.

76.

Direct: She said, "How intelligent you are!"

Indirect: She exclaimed with admiration that I was very intelligent.

**Analysis:** "How" → "very"; admiration marker.

77.

Direct: He said, "Bravo! You did well."

Indirect: He applauded me saying that I had done well.

**Analysis:** "Bravo" → *applauded*.

**78.**

Direct: She said, "What a nice day it is!"

Indirect: She exclaimed with joy that it was a very nice day.

**Analysis:** Present → Past; "what a" → "very".

**79.**

Direct: They said, "Alas! We lost the game."

Indirect: They exclaimed with sorrow that they had lost the game.

**Analysis:** "Alas" → sorrow; Past → Past Perfect.

**80.**

Direct: He said, "Hurrah! India won the match."

Indirect: He exclaimed with joy that India had won the match.

**Analysis:** "Hurrah" → joy; Past → Past Perfect.

### **Optative & Mixed Expressions**

**81.**

Direct: She said, "May God bless you."

Indirect: She prayed that God might bless me.

**Analysis:** Optative → *prayed that* + might.

**82.**

Direct: He said, "May you succeed in life."

Indirect: He wished that I might succeed in life.

**Analysis:** Optative → *wished that*.

**83.**

Direct: They said, "May peace prevails everywhere."

Indirect: They prayed that peace might prevail everywhere.

**Analysis:** Optative → *prayed that*.

**84.**

Direct: She said, "Long live the King."

Indirect: She wished that the King might live long.

**Analysis:** Optative → *wished that*.

**85.**

Direct: He said, "May your dreams come true."

Indirect: He wished that my dreams might come true.

**Analysis:** Optative → *wished that*.

**86.**

Direct: She said, "Would that I were rich!"

Indirect: She wished that she had been rich.

**Analysis:** Optative "would that" → *wished that*.

**87.**

Direct: He said, "If only I could fly!"

Indirect: He wished that he could fly.

**Analysis:** *If only* → wish construction.

**88.**

Direct: They said, "May you have a safe journey."

Indirect: They wished me a safe journey.

**Analysis:** Optative → *wished*.

**89.**

Direct: The old man said, "May God protect the children."

Indirect: The old man prayed that God might protect the children.

**Analysis:** Optative → *prayed that*.

**90.**

Direct: She said, "Would that I had studied harder!"

Indirect: She wished that she had studied harder.

**Analysis:** Past regret expressed → *wished that*.

## **Special Cases**

**91.**

Direct: The teacher said, "The sun rises in the east."

Indirect: The teacher said that the sun rises in the east.

**Analysis:** Universal truth → *No tense change*.

**92.**

Direct: He said, "Two and two make four."

Indirect: He said that two and two make four.

**Analysis:** Mathematical fact → *No tense change*.

**93.**

Direct: She said, "Honesty is the best policy."

Indirect: She said that honesty is the best policy.

**Analysis:** Proverb/Universal → *No change*.

**94.**

Direct: The guide said, "The earth moves around the sun."

Indirect: The guide said that the earth moves around the sun.

**Analysis:** Scientific fact → *No tense shift*.

**95.**

Direct: He said, "I could swim when I was young."

Indirect: He said that he could swim when he was young.

**Analysis:** "Could" remains same (modal past → unchanged).



**96.**

Direct: She said, "I should study more."

Indirect: She said that she should study more.

**Analysis:** "*Should*" remains unchanged (modal).

**97.**

Direct: He said, "I might go to Delhi tomorrow."

Indirect: He said that he might go to Delhi the next day.

**Analysis:** *Might* remains unchanged; time word → "tomorrow" → "the next day".

**98.**

Direct: She said, "Must I finish this today?"

Indirect: She asked if she must finish that that day.

**Analysis:** "*Must*" stays unchanged, "today" → "that day".

**99.**

Direct: The boy said, "I ought to respect my parents."

Indirect: The boy said that he ought to respect his parents.

**Analysis:** Modal "*ought to*" → unchanged.

**100.**

Indirect → Direct Conversion Example

Indirect: He said that he was very tired.

Direct: He said, "I am very tired."

**Analysis:** Reverse change: Pronoun "he" → "I"; tense *was* → *am*.