

# Writing Indirect Speech

I like football.

**Direct speech** tells the reader exactly what words were said by a person.

Speech marks are used to show that it is exactly what the person said.

Charlotte said, "I like football."

**Indirect speech** tells the idea of what a person said.

The exact words said are not given and so speech marks are not used.

Charlotte said she likes football.



**Rewrite the following sentences using indirect speech.**

1. "Set the table for dinner, Sam," said Dad.

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2. "Have you heard the new song?" Claire asked Lisa.

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3. "Try your best on this exam," the teacher pleaded with her class.

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4. Steve said, "I'm really hungry."

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5. The police officer shouted, "Stay away from the road!"

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6. "I would like a piece of cake," Julie said to the waiter.

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7. The coach pointed at Mark and said, "You can be captain today."

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8. "If we are quiet," the guide whispered, "we might see glow worms."

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