

How to convert universal truth into indirect speech

Now we shall discuss how to convert universal truth into past tense.

You must know the following steps.

Step 01

The verb of reporting speech (say) shall be converted into “tell”.

Like: “say” into “tell”, “said” into “told” and “says” into “tells”

Step 02

Use the word “that” when you remove comma and inverted commas.

Like: He said, “Water is tasteless.” (Direct speech) He told that water is tasteless. (Indirect speech)

Step 03

The sentence with universal truth remains the same in indirect speech. We don’t convert it into past (as mentioned earlier) no matter what is the tense of reporting speech.

Universal truth sentences examples

Direct speech: He said, “Water boils at 100 c.”

Indirect speech: He told that water boils at 100 c.”

Now we are converting all the above examples of universal truth into indirect speech

- He said, “Sun rises in the East.”
He told that sun rises in the East.
- Our Science teacher said, “Stars have their own light and planets don’t have.”
Our Science teacher told that stars have their own light and planets don’t have.”
- My father said to me, “There are four directions; East, West, North and South.”
My father told me that there are four directions; East, West, North and South.”
- He says, “Water is tasteless.”
He tells that water is tasteless.
- Our teacher says, “Universe is matter.”
Our teacher tells that universe is matter.
- He said, “Two and two make four.”
He told that two and two make four.

- He said, "H₂O is water."
He told that H₂O is water.
- My father said, "There are 7 days in a week."
My father told that there are 7 days in a week.
- He said, "Water boils at 100 c."
He told that water boils at 100 c.