



Direct and Indirect Speech - Answer Key 1

A. Choose the most suited option of indirect speech for the sentence given and tick the right option: (Answers are in bold)

1. They said, "We will buy a house near the country side."
 - a. They said they will buy a house near the country side.
 - b. They said that they would buy a house near the country side.**
 - c. They told that they would buy a house near the country side.
2. Sheetal said to me, "I left before you arrived."
 - a. Sheetal told that she left before you arrived.
 - b. Sheetal said to me that I left before you arrived.
 - c. Sheetal told me that she had left before I arrived.**
3. The teacher said to the class, "I will be giving you a test tomorrow."
 - a. The teacher told the class that she would be giving them a test the following day.**
 - b. The teacher said to the class that I would be giving you a test tomorrow.
 - c. The teacher told the class that she will be giving them a test tomorrow.
4. My mother said to me, "I have packed your lunch."
 - a. My mother told me that "I have packed your lunch."
 - b. My mother said she have packed my lunch.
 - c. My mother told me that she had packed my lunch.**
5. I said, "Your sister will receive a call from me."
 - a. I said that your sister will receive a call from me.
 - b. I said that her sister would receive a call from me.**
 - c. I told that her sister will receive a call from me.

B. Rewrite the sentences to indirect speech and use the correct form of personal pronouns.

1. My mother said to my brother, "You can invite your friends to the party."
Ans- My mother told my brother that he could invite his friends to the party.



2. Shanti said, "We are exhausted after climbing the hill."

Ans- Shanti said that they were exhausted after climbing the hill.

3. Lisa said, "I am a vegetarian hence I don't eat meat or fish."

Ans- Lisa said that she was a vegetarian hence she didn't eat meat or fish.

4. Rohinton said to the children, "I will not tolerate mischief."

Ans- Rohinton told the children that he would not tolerate mischief.

5. I said to Seema, "You had finished your performance by the time I reached."

Ans- I told Seema that she had finished her performance by the time I had reached.

C. Change the sentences to indirect speech and use the correct form of time change.

1. She said to him, "I told you to post these letters a few days ago."

Ans- She said that she had told him to post those letters a few days before.

2. My friends said, "We need to leave now or else we'll miss the bus."

Ans- My friends said that they needed to leave then (at the moment) or else they would miss the bus.

3. Jude said, "My book is going to be published next month."

Ans- Jude said that his book was going to be published the following month.

4. Sheena's mother said, "Sheena had left a while ago."

Ans- Sheena's mother said that Sheena had left a while before.

5. I said to him, "She will be arriving tomorrow."

Ans- I told him that she would be arriving the next day.



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