

## Interrogative Sentences

### Rule 1

- An interrogative sentence is meant to ask questions, therefore, Reporting verb said/said to is changed to asked.
- Said to can also be changed into enquired or demanded

### Rule 2

- If question is formed with the help of any of the helping verbs like is/are/am, was/were, has/have, do/does, will/would etc then “ \_\_\_ ” are to be replaced by if or whether
- If the question is formed with the help of words starting with “Wh” like who, whose, what, whom, when etc (also known as W family) or How then to replace “ \_\_\_ ” no conjunction is used.

### Rule 3

- In these sentences question form of the sentence is removed and full-stop is put at the end of the sentence.
- Helping verb is /are/am, was/were etc should be put after the subject.
- If the interrogative sentence is expressing positive feeling then do/does of the Direct speech is removed while converting it into Indirect speech.
- If the interrogative sentence is expressing negative feeling then do/does of the Direct speech is changed into did while converting it into Indirect speech.
- Did or has/have the interrogative sentence is changed to had.

### Rule 4

- Pronouns and verbs are changed according to the set rule of Narration.

## What are Optative Sentences ?

The sentences which express wish or desire or pray etc are called Optative sentences. These sentences generally begin with May and end with a mark of Exclamation ( ! ). But sometimes we don't find the use of May in a sentence, but its hidden meaning is always there. For Example -

- May you live long !
- May God bless you ! etc.

## Rules of changing of Narration with Optative Sentences –

- Rule 1 - We change Reporting verbs like say / says/ said in to wish/ wishes/ wished or pray/prays/prayed etc. as per the meaning in the reported speech.
- Rule 2 - We replace inverted commas " " by that .
- Check Rule 3 - In direct speech, the structure is - May + Sub .....! whereas in indirect speech it is Sub + Might .....
- Rule 4. We replace Mark of Exclamation by Full Stop (.) .