

Direct to Reported Speech

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“I want to be a hero!” announced Ruskin.

becomes

Ruskin announced that he wanted to be a hero.

Notice these things:

1. You have to write reported speech in the **past tense**.
2. The word **that** is important.

“I like your tie!” commented Hamza.

Hamza commented that he liked my tie.

Now change these;

1. “This work is easy!” exclaimed Zia.
2. “I want to go home,” pleaded Mr Staiger.
3. “It’s playtime,” announced Ms Foley.
4. “I know the answer,” Samantha whispered to Alisha.
5. “I want children to work hard,” demanded the strict teacher.
6. “I’m too tired to carry on,” complained Arsalan.

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“I want my breakfast!” demanded Hammad

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Hammad demanded that he wanted his breakfast.

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Now change these;

7. “What time is it?” asked Alisha.
8. “This work is easy!” exclaimed Indi.
9. “I want to go home,” pleaded Mr Staiger.
10. “It’s playtime,” announced Ms Foley.
11. “I know the answer,” Mustafa whispered to Hasnain.
12. “I want children to work hard,” demanded the strict teacher.