

# Class - 8

## Chapter 17

### Change into indirect speech.

#### Exercise- 1

1. He said to me, "I have often told you not to play with fire."
2. "You have all done it very badly "remarked the teacher.
3. They wrote," it is time we thought about settling this matter."
4. The teacher promised, "if you come before school tomorrow, I will explain it."
5. She wrote, "I am waiting and watching and longing for my son's return."
6. The examiner's orders were,' no one is to bring books into the room nor ask me questions about what I have told you to do."
7. The dwarf said to her, "Promise me that when you are queen, you will give me your first born child."
8. "That is my horse", said he,' and if I do not prove it in a few minutes I will give up my claim.'
9. I will avenge your wrongs, 'he cried. I will not enter Athens until I have punished the king who had so cruelly treated you.'
10. He wrote and said,' I am unable to come just now because I am ill, but I will certainly start as soon as I am well enough to do so.'

#### Exercise 1 (Answer)

1. He told me that he had often told me not to play with fire.
2. The teacher remarked that I had done it very badly.
3. They wrote that it was time they thought about settling that matter.
4. The teacher promised that he would explain that if they would come before School the next day.
5. She wrote that she was waiting and watching and longing for her son's return.
6. the examiner ordered that no one was to bring books into the room nor ask him questions about what he had told them to be.
7. The dwarf said to her to promise him that when she was Queen, she would give him her first born child.
8. He said that it was his horse and if he did not prove it in a few minutes he would give up his claim.
9. He cried that he would avenge his wrongs and he would not enter Athens until he had punished the king who had so cruelly treated him.
10. He wrote and said that he was unable to come just then because he was ill but he would certainly start as soon as he was well enough to do so.

## Exercise -2

### Change the following into indirect speech

1. He said, " How is your father?"
2. "Which way did she go?" asked the evil monster.
3. "What do you want? "He said to her.
4. Aladdin said to the magician, ' what have I done to deserve so severe a blow?"
5. "Have you anything to tell me, little bird? " asked Ulysses.
6. The young sparrow said, 'mother, what is that object?"
7. "Who are you, sir, and what do you want?" they cried.

### Exercise 2 (Answer)

1. He asked me how my father was.
2. The evil monster enquired into which way she went.
3. He asked her what she wanted.
4. Aladdin told the magician what he had done to deserve so severe a blow.
5. Ulysses asked the bird if it had anything to tell him.
6. The young sparrow enquired her mother what that queer object was.
7. They cried and enquired who he was and what he wanted.

## Exercise-3

### Change into indirect speech

1. "Sit down, Boys, "said the teacher.
2. "Halt "shouted the officer to his men.
3. "Take off your hat" the king said to the Hatter.
4. The teacher said to him, "Do not read so fast."
5. He said to me," wait until I come."
6. "Bring me a drink of milk" said the Swami to the villagers.
7. "Hurry up "he said to his servant, "do not waste time."
8. "Run away, children, "said their mother.
9. He said," Daughter, take my golden jug and fetch me some water from the well."
10. "Go down to the market, bring me some oil and a bag of ice." Ordered his master.

### Exercise-3 (Answer)

1. The teacher ordered the boys to sit down.
2. The officer shouted to his men to halt.
3. The king ordered the Hatter to take off his hat.
4. The teacher advised him not to read so fast.
5. He asked me to wait until he came.
6. The Swami told the villagers to bring him a drink of milk.

7. He ordered his servant to hurry up and not to waste time.
8. Their mother told the children to run away.
9. He instructed his daughter to take his golden jug and fetch him some water from the well.
10. His master ordered him to go down to the bazar and bring him some oil and a bag of ice.

## **Exercise- 4**

### **Change into indirect speech**

1. "What a rare article milk is, to be sure, in London!" said Mr. Squeers with a sigh.
2. "What a stupid fellow you are!" he angrily remarked.
3. He said, "My God! I am ruined."
4. He said, "Alas! Our foes are too strong."
5. He said, "What a lazy boy you are! How badly you have done your work."
6. "What awful weather!" he said.
7. He said, "Oh! That is a nuisance!"
8. He said, "How cruel of him!"
9. He said, "What a pity you did not come!"
10. "Ah me!" exclaimed the queen. "What a rash and bloody deed you have done."

## **Exercise -4 (Answer)**

1. Mr. Squeers sighed that milk was, to be sure, a rare article in London.
2. He angrily remarked that I was a stupid fellow.
3. He called upon God and said that he was ruined.
4. He exclaimed that their foes were too strong.
5. He complained that I was a lazy boy and I had done my work very badly.
6. She exclaimed that weather was awful.
7. He exclaimed that it was a nuisance.
8. He exclaimed angrily that it was so cruel of him.
9. He exclaimed sadly that he had not come.
10. The queen exclaimed that he had done a rash and bloody deed.

## Exercise- 5

### Change into indirect speech

1. "I don't practise," goldsmith once said, "I make it a rule to prescribe only for my friends." pray dear doctor, said the Beauclerk, "alter your rule, and prescribe only for your enemies."
2. "How very well you speak French!" lady Grizzel said, "I ought to know it, "Becky modestly said," I taught it in a school, and my mother was a French woman."
3. "What are you going to do with the tinder-box? "Asked the soldier. "That is no business of yours, "said the witch," you have got your money, give me my tinderbox!"
4. "I am a dead man, Hardy, "said Nelson I am going fast; it will be all over with me soon .Come nearer to me .let my dear lady Hamilton have my hair, and all other things belonging to me."
5. "Why don't you settle the case out of the court?" said the judge to the litigants before him. "That is what we were doing, my lord, when the police came and interfered," said one of them.
6. The hen bird was just about to lay, and she said to her mate; 'Cannot you find me some place convenient for laying my eggs?' "And is not this," he replied, a very good place for the purpose?" No, she answered, 'for it is continually overflowed by the tide. "Am I, then, so feeble, he exclaimed, 'that the eggs laid in my house are to be carried away by the sea?' the hen bird laughed and said, "There is some considerable difference between you and the sea.'

### Exercise 5 (Answers)

1. Goldsmith once said that he did not practise but he made it a rule to prescribe only for his friends. Beauclerk politely addressed the doctor as dear doctor and prayed him to alter his rule and prescribe only for his enemies.
2. Lady Grizzel exclaimed that she spoke French very well and Becky modestly replied that she ought to have known .She further added that she had taught in a school and that her mother was a French woman.
3. The soldier asked the witch what she was going to do with the tinderbox. She told him that it was no business of his and further added that he had got his money and ordered to give her back the tinderbox.

4. Nelson told Hardy that he was a dead man and was going fast and it would be all over with him soon. Nelson requested Hardy to come nearer to him and let his dear lady Hamilton have his hair and all other things belonging to him.
5. The judge enquired the litigants before him why they did not settle the case out of the court. One of them said that was what they were doing when the police came and interfered.
6. The hen bird was just about lay and she said to her mate if he could not find her some place convenient for laying her eggs. He replied if that was not the very good place for the purpose. She answered in negative and said it was continually overflowed by the tide. he exclaimed then if he was so feeble that the eggs laid in his house were to be carried away by the sea the hen bird laughed and said that there was some considerable difference between he and the sea.