

# Direct and Indirect Speech examples

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**Incorrect:** William asked his wife what had she prepared for dinner that night.

**Correct:** William asked his wife what **she had** prepared for dinner that night.

**Incorrect:** He didn't say that he will bring the books tomorrow.

**Correct:** He didn't say that he **would** bring the books tomorrow.

**Incorrect:** Mark told to his friend to buy a car.

**Correct:** Mark told his friend to buy a car.

**Explanation:-** don't use told & to together(said to= told)

**Incorrect:** The judge asked me if I knew the accused or not.

**Correct:** The judge asked me **whether** I knew the accused **or** not.

**Explanation:-** (whether.....or)

**Incorrect:** The teacher asked the student if he knows the answer to the question.

**Correct:** The teacher asked the student if he **knew** the answer to the question.

**Incorrect:** He told me that he has not read the book.

**Correct:** He told me that he **had** not read the book.

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## **Direct and Indirect speech questions in SSC-CGL**

1. His friend could not tell me why he did not come to college yesterday. [SSC-2011 stenographer]

- A. why had he not come                      B. why did he not come  
C. why not had he come                      D. no improvement

Ans:- D

**Explanation:-** why + subject + helping verb

2. I asked the traveler where is he going. **[SSC-2011]**

- A. where he is going      B. Where was he going  
C. where he was going      D. no improvement

**Ans:-** C

3. The teacher said, "The Earth revolves around the sun." **[SSC-2017]**

- 1) The teacher said that the Earth is revolving around the sun
- 2) The teacher said that the Earth revolves around the sun.
- 3) The teacher said that the Earth revolved around the sun.
- 4) The teacher said that the Earth had been revolving around the sun.

**Ans:** The teacher said that the Earth revolves around the sun.

4. Nisha said to Swati, " Will you help me in my project just now?" **[SSC-2017]**

- 1) Nisha told Swati whether she will help her in her project just now.
- 2) Nisha asked Swati if she would help her in her project just then.
- 3) Nisha questioned to Swati that will you help me in my project just now.
- 4) Nisha asked Swati that will she help her in her work just now.

**Ans:** Nisha asked Swati if she would help her in her project just then.

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