Direct and Reported Speech

Grade 7 - English
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Direct Speech—a person’s direct/actual words

Punctuation is important
Quotation marks, commas, question marks

“Do you recycle your plastic bags?” asked Philip.
“I recycle my plastic bags,” replied Monique.
Monique replied, “I recycle my plastic bags.”
Reported/Indirect Speech – report what someone else said in your words

• Introductory clause – Mary said that ..... 
• Pronoun changes to third person – I/me/my - he/him/his etc.
• Tense moves one step back in time
  “I play outside,” said Sam
• Sam said that he played outside.
• Exclamations are left out “Hooray” – cheered
• Certain words change: here – there, today – that day, yesterday – the previous day
Rewrite from direct to reported speech

• “I am going to my friend tomorrow,” said Linda.

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• Linda said that she was going to her friend the next day.
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1. “I saw a movie yesterday,” said Anro. (3)
2. “I saw a movie yesterday,” said Anro. (3)
3. I – he
4. saw – had seen
5. yesterday – the previous day / the day before
6. Anro said that he had seen a movie the previous day. (3)
3a) “I am going to the Earth Day celebrations tomorrow,” he said.

3b) “Last week another rhino was killed here,”’ the ranger said.

The ranger said that another rhino had been killed there the previous week.
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• “Low-lying countries like Holland may disappear and the Cape Peninsula can become an island,” warned the scientist.

• The scientist cautioned that low-lying countries like Holland might disappear and the Cape Peninsula could become an island.
• After listening to the scientist, the principal announced, “Our school will plant trees in our shadeless community park.”

• After listening to the scientist, the principal announced that their school would plant trees in their shadeless community park.

• A learner exclaimed, “We shall celebrate Arbor Day every day!”

• A learner exclaimed that they would celebrate Arbor Day every day.