

## English Indirect statement exercise

### The assignment:

- Begin with a head verb, used in both the present tense and past tense
- For each verb, use the same statement in past, present, and future.
- Notice how the English way of expressing indirect statement changes with a present tense head verb (“I say”) as opposed to a past tense head verb (“I said”).

### Sample head verbs (more on p. 380):

- I (you s/he, we, they ...) believe // believed
- I say // said
- I think / thought
- I know/knew

### Example:

**Direct Statement (your main sentence):** We have (had, will have) a lot of money.

#### A. (present tense head verb)

They say (that) we have a lot of money (now).

They say (that) we had a lot of money (last year).

They say (that) we will have a lot of money (when we win the lottery)

#### B. (past tense head verb)

They said (that) we had a lot of money (at the time).

They said (that) we had had a lot of money (last year).

They said (that) we would have a lot of money (when we won the lottery).

1. **Direct Statement (your main sentence):** \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. (present tense head verb)

**I know that:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (present [at the time])

\_\_\_\_\_ (past [previously])

\_\_\_\_\_ (future [in the future])

#### B. (past tense head verb)

**I knew that:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (present [at the time])

\_\_\_\_\_ (past [previously])

\_\_\_\_\_ (future [in the future])

1. Direct Statement (your main sentence): \_\_\_\_\_

A. (present tense head verb)

You say that:

\_\_\_\_\_ (present [at the time])

\_\_\_\_\_ (past [previously])

\_\_\_\_\_ (future [in the future])

B. (past tense head verb)

You said that:

\_\_\_\_\_ (present [at the time])

\_\_\_\_\_ (past [previously])

\_\_\_\_\_ (future [in the future])

1. Direct Statement (your main sentence): \_\_\_\_\_

A. (present tense head verb)

he believes that:

\_\_\_\_\_ (present [at the time])

\_\_\_\_\_ (past [previously])

\_\_\_\_\_ (future [in the future])

B. (past tense head verb)

he believed that:

\_\_\_\_\_ (present [at the time])

\_\_\_\_\_ (past [previously])

\_\_\_\_\_ (future [in the future])