**Nuntius ad castra Caesaris:**

The following has four passages. The first is the indirect statement with a past tense head verb, written as prose. The second has each item of the IS in a bullet list. Practice reading these passages first. The third is the direct statement that the messenger actually said. The fourth is the same statement with a present tense head verb – I only put it there so you can see that the statements do not change either in Latin or in the actual tense of what the messenger said. Blue indicates a subject. Some of the accusatives of the indirect statement are spelled like the nominatives as they are 3rd declension plurals (hostes = nom. and hostes = acc.)

**(past tense head verb) nuntius ad castra cucurrit et Caesari dixit** hostes iam prope urbem esse; (hostes) moenia urbis mox oppugnaturum esse; omnes cives spem amississe; feminas maxime lacrimare; cives mox omnem cibum esurum esse; hostes liberos feminasque interfecturum esse; milites crudeles omnia in agros destruere; ducem eorum consilia contra Roman fecisse.

**nuntius ad castra cucurrit et Caesari dixit**

* hostes iam prope urbem esse;
* (hostes) moenia urbis mox oppugnaturum esse;
* omnes cives spem amississe;
* feminas maxime lacrimare;
* cives mox omnem cibum esuros esse;
* hostes liberos feminasque interfecturos esse;
* milites crudeles omnia in agros destruere;
* ducem eorum consilia contra Roman fecisse.

**nuntius vere dixit: (direct statements)**

* hostes iam prope urbem sunt;
* (hostes) moenia urbis mox oppugnabunt;
* omnes cives spem amiserunt;
* feminae maxime lacrimant;
* cives mox omnem cibum edetur;
* hostes liberos feminasque interficient;
* milites crudeles omnia in agros destruent;
* dux eorum consilia contra Roman fecit.

**present tense head verb:**

**nuntius ad castra cucurrit et Caesari dicit**

* hostes iam prope urbem esse;
* (hostes) moenia urbis mox oppugnaturum esse;
* omnes cives spem amississe;
* feminas maxime lacrimare;
* cives mox omnem cibum esuros esse;
* hostes liberos feminasque interfecturos esse;
* milites crudeles omnia in agros destruere;
* ducem eorum consilia contra Roman fecisse.