



**CLASS IX & X**  
**ENGLISH GRAMMAR**  
**PART II**  
**LESSONS 12**  
**MORE ABOUT NARRATION**

**SOLUTIONS**

**TEXTUAL EXERCISES**

*A. Change the following into Indirect Speech: (Page 82)*

1. **She said to him, “You are the ugliest creature.”**  
**Ans:** She told him that he was the ugliest creature.
2. **He said to her, “You are the loveliest girl.”**  
**Ans:** He told her that she was the loveliest girl.
3. **I said to her, “I know you and your mother.”**  
**Ans:** I told her that I knew her and her mother.
4. **The Headmaster said to the boys, “I love you as my children.”**  
**Ans:** The Headmaster told the boys that he loved them as his children.
5. **The little girl said to her mother, “I cannot live without you now.”**  
**Ans:** The little girl told her mother that she could not live without her then.
6. **The boy said to his teacher, “I have been reading hard since yesterday.”**  
**Ans:** The boy told his teacher that he had been reading hard since the previous day.
7. **The students said to their teacher, “We will do well in the examination this year.”**  
**Ans:** The students told their teacher that they would do well in the examination that year.



8. The girl said to her mother, “I will stand first in this examination as I am preparing well.”

**Ans:** The girl told her mother that she would stand first in that examination as she was preparing well.

9. He said to his friend, “We are going the day after tomorrow for a picnic.”

**Ans:** He told his friend that they were going the day after the following day for a picnic.

10. She said to him, “I have known you for many years.”

**Ans:** She told him that she had known him for many years.

*B. Change the following: (Page 83)*

1. She said to the man, “Do you smoke?”

**Ans:** She asked the man if he smoked.

2. The boy said to his friend, “Will you seat in the examination tomorrow?”

**Ans:** The boy asked his friend whether he would seat in the examination the following day.

3. The minister said to the people, “Do you want development of the country?”

**Ans:** The minister enquired of the people if they wanted development of the country.

4. Everyone said, “Can you do some work to help the people?”

**Ans:** Everyone asked if I could do some work to help the people.

5. The teacher said to his student, “Do you want to learn English?”

**Ans:** The teacher asked his student if he wanted to learn English.

6. He said to the girl, “What is your name?”

**Ans:** He enquired of the girl what her name was.



7. **Biren said to the boy, “Who was your teacher who helped you?”**

**Ans:** Biren asked the boy who his teacher had been who had helped him.

8. **The man said to the boy, “Where do you find the beautiful deer?”**

**Ans:** The man asked the boy where he found the beautiful deer.

9. **She said to the people, “Why do you kill innocent people?”**

**Ans:** She asked the people why they killed innocent people.

10. **The man shouted to the people, “When will the bus come?”**

**Ans:** The man shouted and asked the people when the bus would come.

11. **The commander said to his soldier, “Why don’t you go forward?”**

**Ans:** The commander asked his soldiers why he did not go forward.

12. **The girl said to the people, “How can we save the country?”**

**Ans:** The girl asked the people how they could save the country.

13. **The policeman said to the reporter, “Why don’t you give information?”**

**Ans:** The policeman asked the reporter why he did not give information.

14. **The man said to me, “When will you go there?”**

**Ans:** The man enquired of me when I would go there.

15. **The boy said to his father, “How shall we stop this?”**

**Ans:** The boy asked his father how they would stop that.



*C. Change the following into Indirect Speech: (Page 86)*

1. **“Be careful,” he said to the boys.**

**Ans:** He warned the boys to be careful.

2. **The teacher said to the students, “Face life with confidence.”**

**Ans:** The teacher advised the students to face life with confidence.

3. **She said, “Hurry up. Do not waste time.”**

**Ans:** She told them to hurry up and not to waste time.

4. **The General said to the soldiers, “Obey the rules in every field.”**

**Ans:** The General commanded the soldiers to obey the rules in every field.

5. **The teacher said to the students, “Children, prepare for life when you are young.”**

**Ans:** The teacher advised the students to prepare for life when they were young.

6. **The woman told her children, “My children, love your neighbours.”**

**Ans:** The woman advised her children to love their neighbours.

7. **She said to her friend, “My friend, let us help each other.”**

**Ans:** She suggested to her friend that they should help each other.

8. **I said to the people, “Let us live together.”**

**Ans:** I proposed to the people that we should live together.

9. **He said, “Let me go away.”**

**Ans:** He requested that he might be allowed to go away.



**10. Tombi said to her friends, “Let us go to the market.”**

**Ans:** Tombi suggested to her friends that they should go to the market.

**11. The girl said to her mother, “Let me read now before I sleep.”**

**Ans:** The girl requested her mother that she might be allowed to read (then) before she slept.

**12. “Mama, let me study medicine,” said the girl to her mother.**

**Ans:** Addressing as mama, the girl requested her mother that she might be allowed to study medicine.

**13. Promila said to her brother, “Let us make our parents happy.”**

**Ans:** Promila proposed to her brother that they should make their parents happy.

**14. Usha said, “Let other people say what they like.”**

**Ans:** Usha said that she did not care about what other people said.

**15. Bimola said to her son, “My dear son, let us make a new world.”**

**Ans:** Bimola suggested to her son that they should make a new world.

***D. Change the following into Indirect Speech: (Page -87)***

**1. The little boy said, “Alas! I have lost my pencil.”**

**Ans:** The little boy exclaimed with sorrow that he had lost his pencil.

**2. The teacher said, “May God bless you.”**

**Ans:** The teacher prayed that God might bless us.



3. She said, “How clever I am!”

**Ans:** She exclaimed that she was very clever.

4. They said, “What a wonderful gift of Nature Loktak is!”

**Ans:** They exclaimed that Loktak was a wonderful gift of Nature.

5. Binodkumari said to her friends, “How beautiful I am!”

**Ans:** Binodkumari exclaimed to her friends that she was very beautiful.

6. The beggar took the alms and said, “May the Almighty bless thee!”

**Ans:** The beggar took the alms and prayed that Almighty might bless me.

7. Shantilata said, “What luck!”

**Ans:** Shantilata exclaimed that it was a great luck.

8. Romen said, “How strong I am!”

**Ans:** Romen exclaimed that he was very strong.

9. The fisherman said to the people, “Bravo! I have caught a big fish.”

**Ans:** The fisherman exclaimed to the people joyfully that he had caught a big fish.

10. Kamei said to his friends, “How wonderful the oranges are!”

**Ans:** Kamei exclaimed to his friends that the oranges were wonderful.

11. Bihari said, “How careful you are!”

**Ans:** Bihari exclaimed with wonder that I was very careful.

12. The young man said, “Hurrah! I have won the prize.”

**Ans:** The young man exclaimed with joy that he had won the prize.





*E. Change the following into Indirect Speech: (Page 89) (Miscellaneous Exercise)*

1. **“My dear friend, we are in a mess,” said the boy to his friend.**

**Ans:** Addressing as his dear friend, the boy told his friend that they were in a mess.

2. **The little swallow went up to the Happy Prince and said, “Winter is approaching and I have to go to Egypt.”**

**Ans:** The little swallow went up to the Happy Prince and said that winter was approaching and he had to go to Egypt.

3. **The Happy Prince said calmly, “One more help and you may leave me alone.”**

**Ans:** The Happy Prince calmly told him to help one more time and he might leave him alone.

4. **The poet said, “Act in the living present.”**

**Ans:** The poet advised to act in the living present.

5. **The boy said to his teacher, “Pardon me, sir, the bus is late and I am late today.”**

**Ans:** The boy requested his teacher to pardon him stating that as the bus was late, he was late that day.

6. **The hare said proudly, “You poor thing! How slowly you crawl!”**

**Ans:** Mocking the tortoise, the hare exclaimed that it crawled very slowly.

7. **Gourachand said to the young man, “How can you marry my daughter when you are so poor?”**

**Ans:** Gourachand asked the young man how he could marry his daughter when he was so poor.



8. **The beautiful girl said smilingly, “How ugly you are!”**

**Ans:** The beautiful girl smiled and exclaimed that I was very ugly.

9. **The young man said in despair, “Alas! How foolish I am!”**

**Ans:** The young man exclaimed in despair that he was very foolish.

10. **The small children in clean dresses ran into the house and said, “Give us Yaoshang donation.”**

**Ans:** The small children in clean dresses ran into the house and requested to give them Yaoshang donation.

11. **She said to me, “Goodbye now.”**

**Ans:** She bade me goodbye then.

12. **“Who are you?” said the swallow.**

**Ans:** The swallow asked who he was.

13. **Columbus said, “Put up your best, move to west.”**

**Ans:** Columbus told them to put up their best and move to west.

14. **“Alas! I have no ruby now,” said the Happy Prince, “Pluck out my eyes of sapphire for the poor.”**

**Ans:** The Happy Prince exclaimed in sorrow that he had no ruby then and told the swallow to pluck out his eyes of sapphire for the poor.

15. **“How pretty you are!” said the man to the girl.**

**Ans:** The man exclaimed to the girl that she was very pretty.



**16. Hamlet said, “One may smile and smile and be a villain.”**

**Ans:** Hamlet said that one might keep on smiling and be a villain.

**17. Binodini said to Mani, “How strange life is!”**

**Ans:** Binodini exclaimed to Mani that life was very strange.

**18. The teacher said to Mani, “Why don’t you rest for some time?”**

**Ans:** The teacher asked Mani why he did not rest for some time.

**19. Biren said, “Congratulations!”**

**Ans:** Biren congratulated me.

**20. The teacher said, “Best of luck.”**

**Ans:** The teacher wished me success.

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