***EXCLAMATIONS IN INDIRECT SPEECH***

Exclamations usually become **statements** in indirect speech. The exclamation mark disappears.

a. Exclamations beginning **What (a) ...** or **How ...** can be reported by:

- **exclaim/say that**:

*He said, “What a dreadful idea!”* or *“How dreadful!”* *He* ***exclaimed*** *that it was a dreadful idea/was dreadful.*

- **give an exclamation of** delight/disgust/horror/relief/surprise etc.

- if the exclamation is followed by an action we can use the construction **with an exclamation of** delight/disgust etc. + **he/she** etc. + verb.

b. Other types of exclamation such as **Good! Marvellous! Splendid! Heavens! Oh! Ugh!** etc. can be reported as in (b) or (c) above:

“*Good!” he exclaimed.* *He* ***gave an exclamation of*** *pleasure/satisfaction.*

*“Ugh!” she exclaimed, and turned the programme off.* ***With an exclamation of*** *disgust she turned the programme off.*

c. Note also:

*He said, “Thank you!”* *He* ***thanked*** *me.*

*He said, “Good luck!”* *He* ***wished*** *me luck.*

*He said, “Happy Christmas!”* *He* ***wished*** *me a happy Christmas.*

*He said, “Congratulations!”* *He* ***congratulated*** *me.*

*He said, “Liar!”* *He* ***called*** *me a liar.*

*He said, “Damn!”* etc. *He* ***swore.***

*The notice said: WELCOME TO WALES!* *The notice* ***welcomed*** *visitors to Wales.*

***YES AND NO IN INDIRECT SPEECH***

**yes** and **no** are expressed in indirect speech by subject + appropriate auxiliary verb.

*He said, “Can you swim?” and I said “No”* *He asked (me) if I could swim and I said I couldn’t.*

*He said, “Will you have time to do it?” and I said “Yes”* *He asked if I would have to do it and I said I would.*

***OFFERS AND SUGGESTIONS IN INDIRECT SPEECH***

A. **OFFERS**

*“Shall I bring you some tea?”* could be reported *He* ***offered*** *to bring me some tea.*

B. **SUGGESTIONS**

*“Shall we meet at the theatre?* could be reported *He* ***suggested*** *meeting at the theatre.*

***INDIRECT SPEECH: MIXED TYPES***

Direct speech may consist of statement + question, question + command, command + statement, or all three together. Normally each requires its own introductory verb.

*“I don’t know the way. Do you?” he asked.* *He said he didn’t know the way and asked her if she did/if she knew it.*

*He said, “Someone is coming. Get behind the screen.”* *He said that someone was coming and told me to get behind the screen.*