

UNIT 6 – ART & CULTURE

I. REPORTING CLAUSE

Read the following pair of sentences taken from the narrative “The Story of Ikat”.

1. Ramya asked, “Are these fabrics from Indonesia?”
2. The teacher said, “What can be the origin of the word?”

- a. Who are the speakers?
- b. What are the exact words spoken by them?
- c. If you want to report the above sentences, how will you do?

Let’s analyse the sentences 1 and 2.

The first part of the sentence ‘Ramya asked’ has a subject ‘**Ramya**’ and a verb ‘**asked**’.

This clause is called the reporting clause. The verb is called the reporting verb.

The part within the quotation marks is called the reported clause, which gives the exact words spoken by the speaker.

Let’s look at the answer to the question ‘c’.

1. Ramya asked if / whether those fabrics were from Indonesia.
2. The teacher asked what the origin of the word could be.

Let’s look at the changes that have taken place.

You will find the following changes:

- a. Change of the **pronouns** and **adjectives** (these - those)
- b. Change of the verb in the reported clause (**are** - **were**)
- c. Change of question to a statement by adding **if** / **whether**

All the above changes are made when the reporting verb is in Past tense.

I. Report the following conversation.

Ramya visits a weaver at Pochampally. She asks him a few questions.

Ramya: Uncle, What are you doing?
 Weaver: I'm making a sari. Do you like it?
 Ramya: Oh! Yes. What is the price?
 Weaver: Five hundred rupees. Do you want to buy it?
 Ramya: Oh! Yes. Can you pack it for me?
 Weaver: Sure, here you are.

SUGGESTED ANSWER

Ramya **visited** a weaver at Pochampally and **asked him** a few questions. She **asked him** what he was doing and the weaver replied that he was making a sari. He asked **Ramya if she liked it** and Ramya replied in the affirmative and asked him **what the price was**. The weaver **said that it was** five hundred rupees and **asked her if she wanted to buy it**. Ramya replied in affirmation and asked the weaver **if he could pack it for her**. The weaver agreed and gave her the sari.

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Look at the following possible changes while reporting.

Present Tense	Present simple - Past simple Present continuous - Past continuous Present perfect - Past perfect
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Modals	can - could may - might will - would must - had to
Pronouns	I - she/he We - they You - I/she/he/they/we

II. EDITING

Read the following passage. Every numbered sentence has an error. Identify and edit it.

1. Lalitha, a ten-year old girl sowed some tomato seed in the kitchen garden. The seeds grew into little plants after a few days.
2. Lalitha plant them in the middle of the garden.

3. She pulled every weed and never allowed a insect or a worm near her pet plants.
4. When the days was hot, she poured water to the plants at night also. She planted flowers all around her plot to make it beautiful.
5. The flowers also grew but blossomed

SUGGESTED ANSWER

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2. Lalitha ~~plant~~ **planted** them in the middle of the garden.
3. She pulled every weed and never allowed a **an** insect or a worm near her pet plants.
4. When the days ~~was~~ **were** hot, she poured water to the plants at night also. She planted flowers all around her plot to make it beautiful.
5. The flowers grew ~~but~~ **and** blossomed.
The flowers **not only** grew ~~but~~ **but also** blossomed.

