

## Chapter 16. Direct and Indirect Speech

**Exercise 1.** The teacher was inviting proposals from the students on where to go during the summer break. Read what Sohail and his three friends said.

**Sohail:** I would prefer going to Kullu and Manali, for it would be very pleasant there around this time of the year.

**Mayur:** We went there last year. The weather was good but the quality of food available was poor. Shimla would be better.

**Rosina:** Shimla is too crowded during the summer holidays. It isn't easy to find good hotels. Let's go to Darjeeling.

**Charu:** Yes! Let's go to Darjeeling. The train journey to Darjeeling is very interesting. From Darjeeling one can also have a very good view of some snow-clad peaks.

Now complete the following passage.

Sohail preferred \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayur did not agree. He said that \_\_\_\_\_

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He felt that \_\_\_\_\_

But according to Rosina \_\_\_\_\_

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She proposed that \_\_\_\_\_

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Charu agreed with this proposal wholeheartedly. She said that \_\_\_\_\_

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**Exercise 3. Put these sentences into indirect speech:**

1. "What a beautiful painting!" Anvita exclaimed. "Please tell me who painted it."

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2. My father said to me, "Don't forget to switch off the lights and turn off the taps before going out."

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3. "Can't you stand still even for two minutes?" Mrs Dayal said to her little son. "How can I dress you if you keep fidgeting about?"

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4. "Good morning!" Miss Sethi said to the students. "Did you read the lesson at home? Are you ready to discuss it?"

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5. Arpit said to Harshita, "How elegant and spacious this car looks! Does it belong to your father?"

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6. "How long will it take you to get ready!" Ricky said to Renu. "If we do not leave in the next ten minutes, we will miss the show."

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7. "Anjana, please check that you have taken all your packages and not left anything behind," Mrs Chauhan said to her daughter.

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8. "Beware of the dog, sir," Ram Singh respectfully said to Mr Baljit Singh. "It has already bitten several people."

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9. "Please help me to cross the road," the old lady said to Gunjan. "I cannot cross it safely by myself."

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10. "Come here, son," the dentist gently said to Tushar. "I won't hurt you at all. I'll just examine your teeth."

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