## 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
Mayur did not agree. He said that
He felt that
But according to Rosina
She proposed that
Charu agreed with this proposal wholeheartedly. She said that

**Exercise 2**. Joyish came back to his hostel after spending the winter break with his parents in his home town. His friends asked him these questions:

- 1. When did you come back from home?
- 2. How was your stay at home?
- 3. Did you go for any outings?
- 4. Did your train arrive on time?
- 5. Was the journey comfortable?
- 6. How have you come to the hostel from the station?
- 7. How is your mother's asthma now?
- 8. What would you like to have?

Report these questions as Joyish would report them. Begin them like this: Shivam asked me when...



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

- 1. "What a beautiful painting!" Anvita exclaimed. "Please tell me who painted it."
- 2. My father said to me, "Don't forget to switch off the lights and turn off the taps before going out."
- 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?"
- 4. "Good morning!" Miss Sethi said to the students. "Did you read the lesson at home? Are you ready to discuss it?"
- 5. Arpit said to Harshita, "How elegant and spacious this car looks! Does it belong to your father?"
- 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."

- 7. "Anjana, please check that you have taken all your packages and not left anything behind," Mrs Chauhan said to her daughter.
- 8. "Beware of the dog, sir," Ram Singh respectfully said to Mr Baljit Singh. "It has already bitten several people."
- 9. "Please help me to cross the road," the old lady said to Gunjan. "I cannot cross it safely by myself."
- 10. "Come here, son," the dentist gently said to Tushar. "I won't hurt you at all. I'll just examine your teeth."