Senior 2 English lesson 1.

**DIRECT** **AND** **INDIRECT** **SPEECH**.

Direct speech refers to the use of the speaker's actual words by way of quoting.

It is very important to use quotation or speech marks.

Study the following sentences

1."We are tired," they complained.

2. She said, "I am satisfied with your answer."

3."Why are you late today,?" asked the teacher.

The above sentences are in Direct speech. ( the speaker's actual words.)

The Indirect/Reported speech refers to using words that are not the exact words of the speaker, i.e we report what someone has said indirectly.

The indirect/reported speech of the above sentences are;

1. They complained that they were tired.

2. She said that she was satisfied with his answer.

3. The teacher asked why he was late that day. OR

The teacher wanted to know why he was late that day.

**TRIAL EXERCISE.**

Turn the following sentences into indirect/ reported speech.

1.He said, "I am tired now,"

2."What are you looking for,Jane?" Tina asked.

3. "We have finished our work," they students said.

4." I have been working in the garden for three hours," Kingo said.

5."We are waiting for the head prefect to address us," said Khalifa

6." Stop and identify yourselves," the police constable ordered the travellers.