Reporte speech

To transform a speech from the direct form to the indirect form you have to remove *the quotation marks (")* and *the colon (:)*. Also we need to change *verbs*, *tenses*, *pronouns* and *time* and *place* indicators if *the report verb* (verb outside the quotation marks is *in the past*, however if the report verb is in the *present* we change everything except *the tenses*.

changes	Direct speech	Indirect speech
Tenses (changes if the report verb is in the past only)	1: Present simple Present continuous Present perfect 2: Past simple Past perfect Past continuous 3:will Can Must Should May Could Would might	1:Past simple Past continuous Past perfect 2: past perfect Past perfect Past perfect continuous 3: would Could Had to Should Might Could Would might
pronouns	I YOU WE THEY HE SHE IT US OUR HIS HER ITS	HE, she He, she ,they They They He She It Them Their His Her its
TIME AND PLACE INDICATORS	Now There Today Tomorrow	Then There That day The next day

Last week	The previous week
This	That
Tonight	That night
Ago	Before
Thus	So
next week	Following week
This morning	That morning
Yesterday	The day before
Last night	The night before
these	those

EG:

1: Direct speech: Adam *says*: "*I* wrote a book"

Indirect speech: Adam says *he* wrote a book.

2: Direct speech: Adam *said*: "*I* wrote a book"

Indirect speech: Adam said *he had written* a book.