Direct and Indirect Speech

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EXERCISE 1

Complete the table:

DIRECT SPEECH	INDIRECT SPEECH
Today	
	Then
This	
Will	
Yesterday	
	next day/ the following day
Has	
Last week	
	before
I	

EXERCISE 2

Change the sentences given below to Indirect Speech OR Reported Speech. Follow the examples given.

Examples:

She says, “She sang a song.” (Direct Speech)
She says that she sang a song. (Indirect Speech)

He said, “I am busy.” (Direct Speech)
He said that he was busy. (Indirect Speech)

1. My grandfather said, “Honesty is the best policy.”
2. Anita said, “I can’t do it now.”
3. I said to my sister, “The biggest problem in our country is poverty.”
4. She says, “I eat an apple everyday.”
5. “I will come on time,” said the doctor.
6. She says, “She wants to buy this red dress.”
7. They said, “Everyone can join us for the picnic.”
8. The teacher said, “You performed very well in the Quiz Contest.”

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ANSWER KEY

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Today	-	that day
Now	-	then
This	-	that
Will	-	would
Yesterday	-	the previous day/ the day before
Tomorrow	-	the next day/ the following day
Has	-	had
Last week	-	the previous week
Ago	-	before
I	-	he, she

EXERCISE 2

1. My grandfather said that honesty is the best policy.
2. Anita said that she could not do it then.
3. I told my sister that the biggest problem of our country is poverty.
4. She says that she eats an apple everyday.
5. The doctor said that he would come on time.
6. She says she wants to buy that red dress.
7. They said that everyone could join them for the picnic.
8. The teacher said they performed well in the Quiz Contest.

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