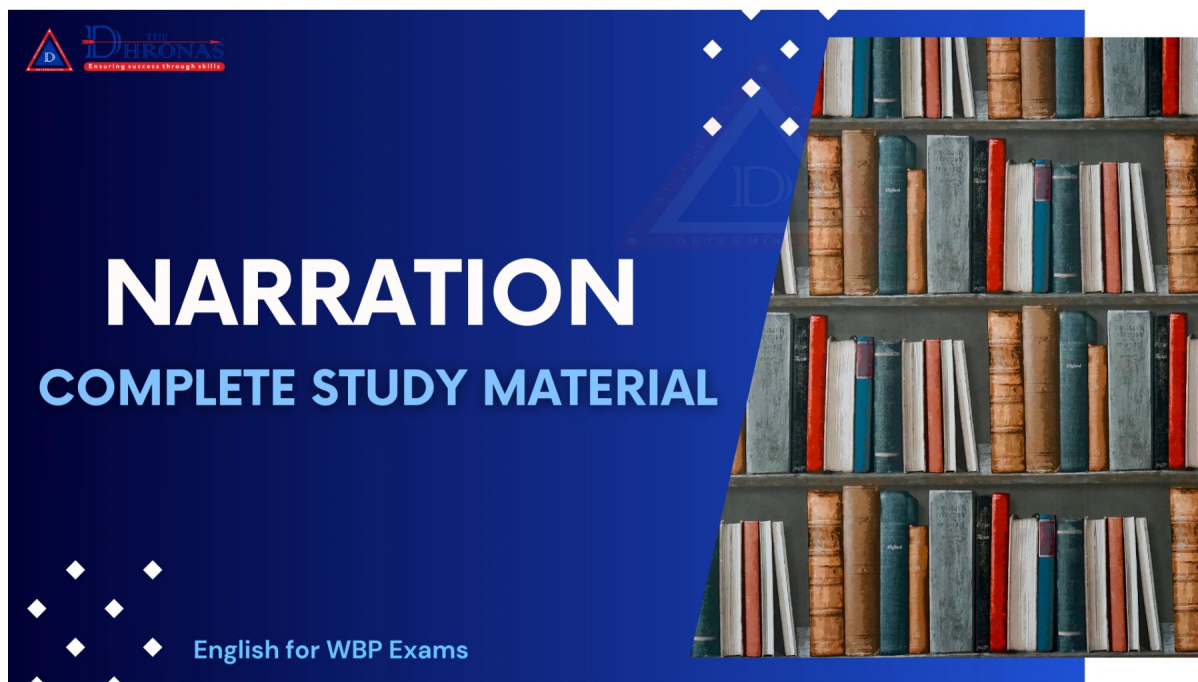




In the realm of the West Bengal Police (WBP) exams, mastery of language and communication is of paramount importance. One of the vital facets of this linguistic proficiency is 'Narration.' Understanding Narration isn't just about knowing the rules of speech reporting; it's a key skill that can significantly impact your success in the WBP exams. Whether it's transforming direct speech into indirect or vice versa, this blog serves as your complete guide to unraveling the intricacies of Narration. With illustrative examples and a treasure trove of practice questions, each equipped with detailed solutions, we aim to empower you with the knowledge and proficiency required to excel in these exams.

Within this blog, we embark on a journey into the world of Narration, breaking down the complexities of speech reporting into understandable components. Each practice question comes with detailed solutions to ensure that you not only grasp the concept but also the reasoning behind it. Our goal is to equip you with the language skills essential for WBP exam success, and this blog is your stepping stone towards achieving that. So, let's dive into the art of Narration together, unlocking your potential for a brighter future in the world of WBP exams.



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## What is Narration

Narration is the act of narrating the words of the speaker. It's a form of expression through which the speaker voices their opinions, thoughts etc. So, whenever someone is speaking or telling something, that act of speaking is called narration. We use narration in day to day conversations, in story-telling, in educational writings etc.



Narration of a speaker can be done either through direct speech or through indirect speech.

## Narration - Direct Speech & Indirect Speech

**Direct speech:** When the message of the speaker is reported in the exact same words as spoken by him.

Direct speech example: Shreya said 'I am working here'.

**Indirect speech:** When the message of the speaker is reported in our own words.

Indirect speech example: Shreya said that she was working there.

## Rules for Narration

**RULE 1:** When the reporting verb is in the past, all present tense in the Direct Speech will change into the corresponding past tenses.

**Example:**

He said, "I want to go."

He said that he wanted to go.

Here, the simple present will become simple past.

**RULE 2:** If the reporting verb is in the present or Future tense (e.g., say, will say), there is no change in the tense of the verb in the Indirect Speech.

**Example:**

Raja says, "I eat a mango."

Raja says that he eats a mango.

**RULE 3:** The Present tense in the Direct Speech becomes Past tense in the Indirect Speech.

**Example:**

John said, "I write a letter."

Johan said that he wrote a letter.

**RULE 4:** The past tense in the Direct Speech becomes past perfect or remains unchanged in the Indirect Speech.

**Example:**

Ram said, "I brought a pen yesterday."

Ram said that he had brought a pen the day before.

**RULE 5:** The present continuous tense in the Direct Speech becomes past continuous in the Indirect Speech.

**Example:** Peter said, "I am going to church." Peter said that he was going to church.

**RULE 6:** The past continuous tense in the Direct Speech becomes past perfect continuous in the Indirect tense.

**Example:**

Sachin said, "I was playing cricket."

Sachin said that he had been playing cricket.

**RULE 7:** The present perfect tense in the Direct Speech becomes past perfect in the Indirect Speech.

**Example:**

Kamal said, "I have done my homework."

Kamal said that he had done his homework.

**RULE 8:** When the reporting verb is in the past tense, the reported speech is also in the past tense.

**Example:**

They said that they would visit Mumbai next month.

The prisoner thought that that he would escape from the prison.

**RULE 9:** The present perfect continuous tense in the Direct Speech becomes past perfect continuous in the Indirect Speech.

**Example:**

He said, "I have been reading a novel."

He said that he had been reading a novel.

**RULE 10:** Remember that 'will' and 'shall' are always changed into 'would' in indirect speech.

**Example:**

He said, "I will go to London the next day."

He said that he would go to London the next day.

Now, we have covered all the basic concepts of this topic. Direct questions from Narration are asked in SSC exams. Given below are some practice questions followed by detailed solutions for you to practice and improve your grasp over this topic.

## Narration Practice Questions

**Q:1 Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.**

Puspam said to her brother, "My mother has gone to the market and brought books for me."

1. Puspam told her brother that her mother has gone to the market and brought books for her.
2. Puspam told her brother that her mother had gone to the market and brought books for her.
3. Puspam told to her brother that her mother had gone to the market and brought books for her.
4. Puspam asked her brother that her mother had gone to the market and brought books for her.

**Q:2 Select the indirect narration of the given sentence.**

Zack said to my sister, "How can you call me a fool?"

1. Zack asked my sister how he could call him a fool.
2. Zack asked my sister how could she call him a fool.
3. Zack asked my sister how she could call him a fool.
4. Zack asked my sister how she can call him a fool.

**Q:3 Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.**

The guard told the children to stay away from the flower beds.

1. The guard said, "Children, should you stay away from the flower beds."
2. The guard said, "Children, stay away from the flower beds."
3. The guard told to the children, " Stay away from the flower beds."
4. The guard says to the children, " Stay away from the flower beds."

**Q:4 Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.**

Players said, "We cannot play today because it has been raining since morning."

1. Players complained that they could not play that day because it has been raining since morning.



2. Players said that he could not play today because it had been raining since morning.
3. Players said that they could not play that day because it had been raining since morning.
4. Players said that they can not play that day because it has been raining since morning.

**Q:5 Select the indirect narration of the given sentence.**

An Indian said to the tourist, "Have you ever been to my country? "

1. An Indian asked the tourist if he had ever gone to his country.
2. An Indian asked the tourist that he had ever been to his country.
3. An Indian said the tourist if he had ever been to his country.
4. An Indian asked the tourist if he had ever been to his country.

**Q:6 Select the indirect narration of the given sentence.**

I said to my student, "Well, you completed this task on time."

1. I asked my student that you have completed that task on time.
2. I told my student that you had completed that task on time.
3. I told my student that you had been completing that task on time.
4. I told my student that you have completed that task on time.

**Q:7 Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech.**

He said to me, "Do you own this beautiful car?"

1. He asked me that if you owned this beautiful car
2. He asked me if I owned that beautiful car.
3. He asked to me if you own that beautiful car.
4. He asked me did I own that beautiful car

**Q:8 Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.**

Her father said to me, "I am not going to participate in the function today."

1. Her father told me that he was not going to participate in the function today.
2. Her father told me that he was not going to participate in the function that day.



3. Her father told me that he is not going to participate in the function that day.

4. Her father told me he was not going to participate in the function that day.

**Q:9 Select the indirect narration of the given sentence.**

My father said to my son, "Why do you break this window glass?"

1. My father asked my son that why he broke that window glass.

2. My father asked my son why he broke that window glass.

3. My father told my son why he broke this window glass.

4. My father asked my son why he had broken that window glass.

**Q:10 Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.**

Radha said to me, "I like you very much."

1. Radha told me that I liked me very much.

2. Radha told me that she had liked me very much.

3. Radha told me that she liked me very much.

4. Radha told me that she has liked me very much.

**Q:11 Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.**

The manager said, "Well, you have completed this task beautifully."

1. The manager said that you completed that task beautifully.

2. The manager said that you have completed that task beautifully.

3. The manager said that you had completed that task beautifully.

4. The manager said that you had completed this task beautifully.

**Q:12 Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.**

The patient said to the doctor, "I had been waiting for you for two hours."

1. The patient told to the doctor that he had been waiting for him for two hours.

2. The patient told the doctor that he had been waiting for you for two hours.

3. The patient told the doctor that he had been waiting for him for two hours.



4. The patient told the doctor he had been waiting for him for two hours.

**Q:13 Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.**

The captain said, "Hurrah! our team has won the championship trophy"

1. The captain exclaimed with joy that his team has won the championship trophy.
2. The captain exclaimed with joy that his team had won the championship trophy.
3. The captain exclaimed with joy if his team had won the championship trophy.
4. The captain exclaimed in joy that his team had won the championship trophy.

**Q:14 Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.**

The interviewer said, "What an intelligent girl you are!"

1. The interviewer exclaimed with surprise that I had been a very intelligent girl.
2. The interviewer exclaimed by surprise that I was a very intelligent girl.
3. The interviewer exclaimed with surprise that I was a very intelligent girl.
4. The interviewer exclaimed with surprise if I was a very intelligent girl.

**Q:15 Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.**

My father said to me, "Do you know where he is opening a new shop?"

1. My father asked me if I knew where was he opening a new shop.
2. My father asked to me if I knew where he was opening a new shop.
3. My father asked me if I had known where he was opening a new shop.
4. My father asked me if I knew where he was opening a new shop.

## Solutions of Narration Practice Questions

**Q:1 (2)** The teacher ordered students to write what was written on the board.

**Q:2 (2)** My teacher told me that Honesty is the best policy.

**Q:3 (4)** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that Delhi was facing a shortage of ICU beds and medical oxygen.

**Q:4 (1)** My friend told me that Radha had gone to the market to buy some vegetables.



**Q:5 (1)** The servant asked his master what he should do then.

**Q:6 (3)** The officer told the personnel that he would dismiss him.

**Q:7 (4)** The culprit told the judge that he was sorry.

**Q:8 (3)** My grandmother said that Honesty is the best policy.

**Q:9 (2)** The officials said that all the ongoing exams would be postponed.

**Q:10 (3)** The priest said that one day everyone has to die.

**Q:11 (2)** My father told me that my work had paid off.

**Q:12 (3)** Doctors said that listening to music while exercising could increase your workout intensity.

**Q:13 (2)** The doctor advised the patient to take medicine regularly.

**Q:14 (3)** Raju told his friend that he had seen a star in the sky.

**Q:15 (2)** My grandmother told me that I should respect my parents.

In wrapping up, understanding Narration is a cornerstone of success in the WBP exams. It's not just about changing sentences; it's about effective communication. This blog aimed to be your trusted guide, offering clear explanations, real-life examples, and practice questions with detailed answers to boost your learning.

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