**26. DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPEECH**

1. **Report the following sentences:**
   1. Mehar said that they/we could take a shorter route to the city.
   2. The astronaut said that the Earth is very small compared to the rest of the universe.
   3. Shubho said that they had been studying very hard for that quiz.
   4. Sam said that they had not been able to find the ring yet.
   5. Sarah said that it had been raining heavily for a whole week there.
   6. Josh told me that my music collection was amazing.
   7. Bhavna told me that she and I were going on a trip to Kasol.
   8. Prachi told them that they would have to do the project on their own.
2. **Rewrite the following sentences in direct speech:**
   1. Mohan said to the class, “Please keep quiet.”
   2. The teacher said, “Students, open your notebooks.”
   3. Divya asked, “Is Ritu also part of the same group as me?”
   4. The coach said to me, “Do not drink water right after the workout.”
   5. Dora asked, “Where will we/you be camping?”
   6. Mother asked me, “How is your day going?”
   7. Keerthi said to me, “I am moving to Bengaluru next year.”
   8. Deepti asked Anshul, “What were you up to yesterday?”
3. **Report the following sentences:**
   1. Raghu asked if they had to go to that event.
   2. Kasim asked Kiren where they should leave the dog the following day.
   3. The diplomat exclaimed that that was the most beautiful place she/he had ever been to.
   4. Diya thought that those were the days they would remember for the rest of their lives.
   5. Peter requested us not to litter their beaches.
   6. The principal asked us/the students not to use mobile phones in classrooms.
   7. Rashmi requested me/her/him/us to let Rashi know that she would pick her up from the station.
   8. Pranav said that he planned to go to Europe the following year.
4. **Report the following speech by a local politician:**

The minister promised that if she won the election, she was going to bring about major changes in how their state was run. She informed the audience that a detailed agenda had been uploaded on her website. She requested them to refer it to know about her plans for the next five years. She promised to ensure that the state got adequate funding from the central government. She also promised to make sure that they had good relations with their neighbouring states. They required their full cooperation in solving the current water and power crises, she said. She also added that the state had been facing a lot of power cuts lately. The root problem, according to her, was that there was too much demand and not enough supply. She also emphasized upon the need to invest in the local infrastructure. Most importantly, she promised that education was going to be the primary focus for her government. She promised that she would increase the salary of school teachers by 15 per cent. She also said that her government would build five new schools in each zone.