"It's a brilliant feeling. It's been a long road. I'm happy, but I'm relieved. It's great to be in the history books as one of the greatest. I'm proud of myself," he told reporters.

Admitting disappointment at missing out on a team medal, Justin Gatlin promised supporters that the team had given it all they could and refused to criticise the officials' decision, but did apologise to the US fans.

What is similar and different about these quotes?

LO: To use direct and reported speech

One is direct speech i.e. exactly what was said.

One is reported speech i.e. reporting what was said

What might an eye witness say when asked about what they saw?

I had to put my glasses on to be sure of what I was seeing. At first I though it was big bird!

My heart was in my mouth; I was sure he was going to fall.

I'm disgusted. This guy was only thinking of himself and not the danger to other people! I'm furious.

Eye witness: I had to put my glasses on to be sure of what I was seeing. At first I thought it was a big bird!

An eye witness said, "I had to put my glasses on to be sure of what I was seeing. At first I though it was big bird!"

An eye witness said that she had to put her glasses on to be sure of what she was seeing. At first she thought it was a big bird!

What is the same and different?

Direct speech

- reporting verb
- speech marks
- exactly what was said

Reported speech

- reporting verb + that
- no speech marks
- change pronouns to third person
- move the tense back (just discuss)

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A forty year old woman: My heart was in my mouth; I was sure he was going to fall.

A forty year old woman said, "My heart was in my mouth; I was sure he was going to fall."

A forty year old woman said that her heart was in her mouth; She was sure he was going to fall."

What would this be as direct speech and reported speech?

I'm disgusted. This guy was only thinking of himself and not the danger to other people! I'm furious.

A twenty something male exclaimed, "I'm disgusted. This guy was only thinking of himself and not the danger to other people! I'm furious"

A twenty something male exclaimed that he was disgusted. That the guy was only thinking of himself and not the danger to other people! He was furious.

Including relative clause for extra information

An eye witness, who was the first person to spot Philippe high on the wire, said, "I had to put my glasses on to be sure of what I was seeing. At first I though it was big bird!"

A forty year old woman, who was taking her children to school, said, "My heart was in my mouth; I was sure he was going to fall."

A twenty something male, who works in the towers, exclaimed, "Disgusting. This guy was only thinking of himself and not the danger to other people!"

LO: To use direct and reported speech

- 1. Rewrite the quotes as
- a) direct speech
- b) reported speech
- 2. Use your quotes from your box up. Write them as direct speech and reported speech.