

**Go/Nach/Gur/Nar Practice: #3****Indirect Speech**

Indirect speech is the most common use of our "Type A" clause, to express like, "He said that she didn't say that." This group is a little broader than that, as we use exactly the same structures to express things like "I believe that," "It seems to me that," "I hope that," and so on.

We have been working with clauses introduced by the negative verbal particles *nach* and *nár*. These lovely particles are used for all three families of clauses, and always have the same effects on the following verb -- so we can say we know, very well, how to use the particle + verb in any type of clause, as long as it is in the negative.

The next step forward is to take advantage of the fact that for the Type A, indirect speech etc. clauses, the affirmative versions work exactly like their negative counterparts. That is, *go* is followed by eclipsis just like *nach*, and *gur*, for the past tense, is followed by a verb in the past tense (lenited) just as is *nár*. Anytime you have an indirect speech clause starting with *nach* or *nár*, you can simply change the particle to *go* or *gur* without changing anything else in the sentence.

**Practice**

For each of the sentences below, first precede the sentence with *Deirim* and translate the resulting indirect speech sentence. Then change it into an affirmative clause.

1. That car will not break.
2. He does not eat bread.
3. That cat does not sit on the table.
4. This woman would not buy my book.
5. The man did not kill his wife.
6. I don't see a rat in that box.
7. She will not sing that song.
8. That police officer did not steal money.
9. They never learned Irish.
10. We will not go home.