

Reported Speech – Tense changes.

Complete the following table of the tense changes from **direct speech** to **reported speech**

TENSE	Direct Speech	Reported Speech	Tense change (if any)
Present simple	"I come from a working class background," he said.		
Present continuous	"I'm having problems with my car," she said.		Past continuous
Past simple		She told me that they had made a nice dinner for everyone in the class	
	"I was thinking about leaving," he replied.		Past perfect continuous
Present perfect simple		She told me that the neighbours had complained several times	
	"The other kids have been picking on me," he complained.		Past perfect continuous
Past perfect simple		She said she had finished by the time we arrived.	
	"We had been thinking of telling him to move," She told me.		Past perfect continuous
Will	"Jim will take your order" said the waiter.		
	"I'm going to make a suggestion," he said.		Was + going to
Can		He told me he could come the following week	
	"We must leave tomorrow," she said.		Had to
May		He said it might rain that evening	
	"It would be better if you went home," he said to her		Stays the same