

# CAE – Reported Speech

Look at the table below and fill in the gaps

| Rule                                                                         | Direct Speech                                | Reported Speech                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • Present Simple ➡ Past Simple                                               | "I don't like chocolate cake."               | She said <b>she _____ like chocolate</b>                                           |
| • _____ Continuous ➡ Past Continuous                                         | "She is leaving this Friday."                | He told us she was leaving _____ Friday.                                           |
| • Past Simple ➡ Past Perfect Simple                                          | "I woke up at 6 o'clock yesterday."          | <b>He said he had woken up at 6 o'clock the _____ day.</b>                         |
| • Past Continuous ➡ Past _____ Continuous                                    | "I wasn't talking too loudly."               | He said that he hadn't been talking too loudly.                                    |
| • Present Perfect Simple ➡ Past Perfect Simple                               | "He hasn't been to South America until now." | <b>They told us [that] he _____ not been to South America until then.</b>          |
| • _____ Perfect (Continuous) ➡ Past Perfect (Continuous)                     | "They had been travelling for months."       | She told us that they had been travelling for months.                              |
| • Be going to ➡ was going to                                                 | "Frank is going to pick us up tomorrow."     | <b>They said (that) Frank was going to pick them up the following day.</b>         |
| • _____ ➡ Would                                                              | "We'll see you later today."                 | They said we would see them later that day.                                        |
| • May ➡ might                                                                | "We may go on holiday together next summer." | <b>They told us (that) they _____ go on holiday together the following summer.</b> |
| • Can ➡ _____                                                                | "I can speak five languages."                | She said that she could speak five languages.                                      |
| • _____ ➡ Should                                                             | "What shall we bring for the picnic?"        | He wanted to know what he should bring for the picnic.                             |
| • Must ➡ had to                                                              | "You must be here on time."                  | <b>They told me I had to be _____ on time.</b>                                     |
| • Yes/ no questions ➡ insert if/whether and return to affirmative word order | "Do you speak Mandarin?"                     | <b>He asked me whether I _____ Mandarin.</b>                                       |
| • "Wh-" questions ➡ keep question word and return to affirmative word order  | "What time did you get up last Saturday?"    | <b>She asked me what time I had _____ up the previous Saturday.</b>                |
| • affirmative commands ➡ full infinitive                                     | "Stop that!"                                 | <b>She told/ asked them _____ stop that.</b>                                       |
| • negative commands ➡ negative full infinitive (not + to + base form)        | "Don't leave me alone!"                      | She asked me not to leave her alone.                                               |

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Read and choose the best option:

## Up-to-date reporting

- “I love him so much!”

She has just said she loves / loved him a lot.

- “The Earth is an ellipsoid”, the professor said.

The professor said the Earth is / was an ellipsoid.

- “I’m looking forward to my holiday”.

The teacher says she is / was looking forward to her holiday.