

# REPORTED SPEECH

We use reported speech to tell people what somebody said in the past.

| TENSE CHART                                    | DIRECT SPEECH                 | INDIRECT SPEECH                          |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Present Simple → Past simple                   | I <b>live</b> in the Usa.     | He said he <b>lived</b> in the Usa.      |
| Present continuous → Past continuous.          | I <b>am walking</b> .         | He said he <b>was walking</b> .          |
| Past simple → Past perfect                     | I <b>cooked pizza</b> .       | He said he <b>had cooked pizza</b> .     |
| Past continuous → Past perfect continuous.     | I <b>was watching TV</b> .    | He said he <b>had been watching TV</b> . |
| Present perfect → Past perfect                 | I <b>have worked</b> .        | He said he <b>had worked</b> .           |
| Present perfect cont → Past perfect continuous | I <b>have been studying</b> . | He said he <b>had been studying</b> .    |
| Past perfect -No change                        | I <b>had washed the car</b> . | He said he <b>had washed the car</b> .   |
| Past perfect cont → No change                  | I <b>had been sleeping</b> .  | He said he <b>had been sleeping</b> .    |

## Modal verbs

### WILL-WOULD

I **will** work -He said he **would** work.

### CAN-COULD

I **can** sing -He said he **could** sing.

### MUST-HAD TO

I **must** work -He said he **had to** work.

### MAY-MIGHT

**May** I help you? -He asked if he **might** help me.

### SHALL-SHOULD

What **shall** I do? -He asked what he **should** do.

## Time references

### DIRECT SPEECH INDIRECT SPEECH

Now

Then

Today

That day

Here

There

This

That

This week

That week

Tomorrow

The following/next day

Next week

The following/next week

Yesterday

The previous day

The day before

Ago

Previously/before

Two days ago

Two days previously/before

Tonight

That night

Last Saturday

The previous Saturday

The Saturday before

Next Saturday

The following Saturday

The Saturday after

## Careful → tell and say

### TELL + somebody

-Tina told **me** to phone her

-My sister told **us** to go with her.

### SAY (that) clause / to sb

-He **said (that)** he was exhausted

