



Week 6 – Use of Language: Reported Speech

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

DATE: _____

O.A 1 (Comunicación oral)

Lesson objective: Identify and use Reported speech to inform about events in determined contexts, by analysing its use and transformation rules, completing sentences, selecting correct verb forms.

Identificar y utiliza el estilo indirecto para informar sobre eventos en determinados contextos, analizando reglas de transformación, completando oraciones y seleccionando formas verbales correctas.

Instructions:

- Complete the worksheet according to its instructions and you teacher's.
- Ask your teacher any questions if necessary, raising your hand, opening microphones or chat.

Reported Speech

El reported speech, o estilo indirecto, sirve para contar lo que ha dicho alguien sin emplear las palabras exactas pronunciadas por esa persona.

Direct Speech: Tanya: 'I'm doing my homework.'

Reported Speech: Tanya said (that) she was doing her homework.

In this worksheet, we will work only with two verb tense changes:

Direct Speech (normal speech)	Reported Speech
<i>Present Simple</i> → Carolina has lunch at 2 pm.	<i>Past Simple</i> Carolina said she had lunch at 2 pm
<i>Present Continuous</i> → I am studying for a test now.	<i>Past Continuous</i> I said (that) I was studying for a test then.

Pronoun changes

We usually need to change pronouns (I, we) and the verb form when we report speech.

Molly says, 'I enjoy maths.' → Molly says **she** enjoyed maths.

Jason thinks: 'Amy doesn't like **me**.' → Jason thought Amy didn't like **him**.

Say or tell?

We use tell (someone something) if we want to include the person or indirect object.

Anna **told Sue** she was going to the dentist. (the person we communicate is included)

She **tells me** she's happy. (the person we communicate is included)

She **says** she's happy. (the person we communicate isn't included)

Time and place references

In reported speech, we also have to change words like **here**, **now** and **this**.

here – there	today – that day
now – at the time	tonight – that night
this – that	tomorrow – the next/following day
these – those	next week – the next/following week
yesterday – the previous day, the day before	last week – the week before, the previous week

'We live **here**.' → They said they lived **there**.

'I love **this** film.' → He said he loved **that** film.

"Hard work conquers everything."

ACTIVITY 1

Look at the pictures and circle the correct verb form. There is an example for you.

I'm rich.



► She said she was / I was rich.

We don't watch TV.



2 They said we didn't / they didn't watch TV.

It's going to rain.



1 He said it was / he was going to rain.

I like spiders.



3 He said he liked / I liked spiders.

ACTIVITY 2

Write the verbs in reported speech. There is an example for you.

> Ben and Pat: 'We work very hard' —————> They said they worked very hard.

1. Jan: 'This is the right train.' Jan said that this _____ the right train
2. Ann and Jess: 'We're tired at the moment.' Ann and Jess said that _____ tired at the moment.
3. Tim to his dad: 'I'm falling asleep in class.' Tim told his dad that _____ class.'
4. David: 'I'm watching this film.' David said he _____ this film.
5. My brother to Bill: 'Our family isn't rich.' My brother told Bill that their family _____ rich.
6. You: 'I enjoy going to concerts.' You said you _____ going to concerts."

ACTIVITY 3

Circle the correct verb form. There is an example for you.

► 'I know the answer.'

She said she knows / knew the answer.

1 'I live in Manchester.'

He said he lives / lived in Manchester.

2 'The film starts at 3 p.m.'

He told me the film starts / started at 3 p.m.

3 'We're hungry.'

They said they're / they were hungry.

4 'I don't understand it.'

She said she doesn't / didn't understand it.

5 'We aren't coming.'

They said they aren't / weren't coming.

6 'I can't find my keys.'

He said he can't / couldn't find his keys.

7 'We're having lunch.'

I told you we're / we were having lunch.

8 'They don't like me.'

She thought they don't / didn't like her.

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ACTIVITY 4

Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There is an example for you.

~~at the time~~ at the time the next day that
that day that night there those

- 'I'm having dinner now.'
He said he was having dinner at the time.
- 1 'This hotel is very nice.'
He thought _____ hotel was very nice.
- 2 'Today is my birthday.'
He said _____ was his birthday.
- 3 'There isn't anyone here.'
He said that there wasn't anyone _____.
- 4 'I can't go out tonight.'
He said he couldn't go out _____.
- 5 'I'm seeing Jack tomorrow.'
He said he was seeing Jack _____.
- 6 'The classroom is empty now.'
He said that the classroom was empty _____.
- 7 'These grapes taste delicious.'
He said that _____ grapes tasted delicious.

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