

# REPORTED SPEECH

We use reported speech to tell people what somebody said or thought in the past, or what happened. But be careful! Tenses change only when the time and speaker are different.

TENSE CHART	DIRECT SPEECH	INDIRECT SPEECH
PRESENT SIMPLE-PAST SIMPLE	I <b>work</b> in Paris	He said he <b>worked</b> in Paris
PRESENT CONTINUOUS-PAST CONT.	I <b>am working</b>	He said he <b>was working</b>
PAST SIMPLE-PAST PERFECT	I <b>worked</b>	He said he <b>had worked</b> .
PAST CONTINUOUS-PAST PERFECT CONT	I <b>was working</b>	He said he <b>had been working</b>
PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE-PAST PERFECT	I <b>have worked</b>	He said he <b>had worked</b>
PRESENT PERF. CONT-PAST PERFECT CONT	I <b>have been working</b>	He said he <b>had been working</b>
PAST PERFECT-NO CHANGE	I <b>had worked</b>	He said he <b>had worked</b>
PAST PERFECT CONT-NO CHANGE	I <b>had been working</b>	He said he <b>had been working</b>

OTHER VERB FORMS	TIME REFERENCES																																						
<b>WILL-WOULD</b> I <b>will</b> work -He said he <b>would</b> work. <b>CAN-COULD</b> I <b>can</b> sing -He said he <b>could</b> sing. <b>MUST-HAD TO</b> I <b>must</b> work -He said he <b>had to</b> work. <b>MAY-MIGHT</b> <b>May</b> I help you? -He asked if he <b>might</b> help me. <b>SHALL-SHOULD</b> What <b>shall</b> I do? -He asked what he <b>should</b> do.	<table> <tr> <th>DIRECT SPEECH</th><th>INDIRECT SPEECH</th></tr> <tr> <td>Now</td><td>Then</td></tr> <tr> <td>Today</td><td>That day</td></tr> <tr> <td>Here</td><td>There</td></tr> <tr> <td>This</td><td>That</td></tr> <tr> <td>This week</td><td>That week</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tomorrow</td><td>The following/next day</td></tr> <tr> <td>Next week</td><td>The following/next week</td></tr> <tr> <td>Yesterday</td><td>The previous day</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>The day before</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ago</td><td>Previously/before</td></tr> <tr> <td>Two days ago</td><td>Two days previously/before</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tonight</td><td>That night</td></tr> <tr> <td>Last Saturday</td><td>The previous Saturday</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>The Saturday before</td></tr> <tr> <td>Next Saturday</td><td>The following Saturday</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>The next Saturday</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>The Saturday after</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>That Saturday</td></tr> </table>	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 next Saturday		The Saturday after		That Saturday
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<b>PRONOUNS SOMETIMES CHANGE</b> <b>BE CAREFUL!</b> Remember, pronouns sometimes change. Study these examples: -Don't tell <b>him</b> -he said. He asked me not to tell <b>him</b> . (no change) -'I like <b>you</b> ' -Mary told me. Mary told me that she liked <b>me</b> . (change)																																							



## Reported Commands and Requests

Direct speech: "Open the door!"

Reported speech: He ordered me **to open** the door.

Direct speech: "Don't answer the phone."

Reported speech: She told me **not to answer** the phone.

I. Change the time reference. Sometimes more than one answer is correct.

1-Sally is leaving **today**.

He said Sally was leaving \_\_\_\_\_

2-He visited London **last week**.

He said he had visited London \_\_\_\_\_

3-We had an argument **last night**.

He said they'd had an argument \_\_\_\_\_

4-I'm not eating **now**.

He said he wasn't eating \_\_\_\_\_

5-Jimmy is coming **next week**.

He said Jimmy was coming \_\_\_\_\_

6-I forgot my key **yesterday**.

He said he'd forgotten his key \_\_\_\_\_

7-I'll call you **tomorrow**.

He said he would call me \_\_\_\_\_

8-I don't live **here** anymore.

He said he didn't live \_\_\_\_\_ anymore.

9-I'm meeting Phil **tonight**.

She said she was meeting Phil \_\_\_\_\_

II. Put the sentences into reported speech.

1. She told him, "Shut the door!"

She told him \_\_\_\_\_

2. He said, "I am going home now."

He said (that) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sam asked her, "Have you got 20 pounds?"

Sam asked her \_\_\_\_\_

4. He wanted to know, "Which picture is the most famous one?"

He wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_

5. She said, "I was biking yesterday."

She said (that) \_\_\_\_\_

6. He was told, "Fill in the form!"

He was told \_\_\_\_\_

7. She said, "I am doing my homework."

She said (that) \_\_\_\_\_

8. They asked me, "Did Paul lose the match?"

They asked me \_\_\_\_\_

9. He told her, "Don't call me before 7 o'clock!"

He told her \_\_\_\_\_

10. Mother said to me, "I will buy that book for you."

Mother said to me (that) \_\_\_\_\_

11. Cathy asked me, "Is the movie interesting or boring?"

Cathy asked me \_\_\_\_\_

12. She said to him, "I have invited you to my party."

She said to him (that) \_\_\_\_\_

13. They wanted to know, "When is your birthday?"

They wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_

14. Susan said, "I like classical music."

Susan said (that) \_\_\_\_\_

15. She asked me, "Where did you meet her?"

She asked me \_\_\_\_\_