Reported speech (2 – changes in verbs)

We use reported speech to tell others what someone said.

To do this, we use **reporting verbs**. We can use different verbs depending on sentences:

- statements: say, tell, explain, announce, add, promise, complain…
- questions: ask, wonder, enquire, want to know…
- orders: tell, instruct, warn, remind, order…
- requests: ask, beg…
- offers & suggestions: offer, suggest, propose, advise, recommend…

VERBS CHANGE:

Present simple	Past simple
Present perfect	Past perfect
Present/Past cont.	Past continuous
Past simple	Past perfect
Past perfect	Past perfect
Will	Would
Can	Could
Must	Had to

We must **adapt the reported sentence** to the new situation:

1. Change pronouns (to refer to correct people and things).
2. Change the verb (change tense/modals and adapt to new subject).
3. Change place and time references.

Complete the following sentences changing the verb form:

1. 'I live near Oxford,' she said. — She said that she _____ near Oxford.
2. 'They are going to the park,' Tom said. — Tom said that they _____ to the park.
3. 'It will rain today,' Mum said. — Mum said that it _____ that day.
4. 'Gran bakes great cakes,' Jane said. — Jane said that Gran _____ great cakes.
5. 'We can meet for lunch,' said Karen. — Karen said that we _____ for lunch.
6. Helen said, 'I am going to NY in July.' — Helen said that she _____ to NY in July.

Complete the following reported questions changing the verb form:

1. 'Do you like going to the beach?' — They asked me if I _____ going to the beach.
2. 'Did you see this film?' — She asked me if I _____ that film.
3. 'What is your telephone number?' — He asked me what my telephone number _____
4. 'Can you show your passport?' — The officer asked me to _____ my passport.
5. 'When will we arrive?' — The child asked when we _____
6. 'Must we start now?' — They asked if they _____ then.
7. 'Where have you found the info?' — She asked where we _____ the info.

Place the correct reporting verb into each sentence:

reminded	wondered	complained	warned	promised	told

1. Sarah _____ that she didn't know any answers.
2. The forecast _____ that there would be storms the following day.
3. The teacher _____ us to finish our homework for Friday.
4. We _____ that we would be back home soon.
5. Pam _____ where her notebook was.
6. The keeper _____ us to leave.