

Reported Speech



Commands, requests statements and questions.

Let's start by watching a very short video about Reported Speech. Remember to take notes as you will need them to complete the exercises. We'll look into Reported Speech on Meet, so write down any questions you have



Now, it's time to see how much you've learnt!! Please, do NOT try to complete the exercises before watching the video!

- REQUESTS, COMMANDS, OR INSTRUCTIONS:

Remember!!!



Use **ask/tell** + me/him/her/them + **to /not to** + verb.

Example:

“Will you tell the others about the homework?” said the teacher.

The teacher **asked the students to tell** the others about the homework.

1. "Open the window, please"
Mum asked my brother.....
2. "Brush your teeth every morning"
The dentist told me.....
3. "Bring a cake for the party"
Anna told us.....
4. "Will you close the door, please"
The teacher told them.....
5. "Don't shout in the library!"
The librarian told the boys.....

• STATEMENTS:



Remember!!!

*Use the verb **say or tell** + me/him/them etc.*

Change the tense to the **past** version of the original tense, normally, it is one tense back in time from the tense in direct speech. The changes are shown below: Example:

Simple present

*"I always **drink** coffee", she said*

Present continuous

*"I **am reading** a book", he explained.*

Simple past

*"Bill **arrived** on Saturday", he said.*

Present perfect

*"I **have been** to Spain", he told me.*

Past perfect

*"I **had just turned** out the light," he explained.*

Present perfect continuous

*They complained, "We **have been waiting** for hours".*

Past continuous

*"We **were living** in Paris", they told me.*

Future

*"I **will be** in Geneva on Monday", he said*

Future continuous

*She said, "I'll **be using** the car next Friday".*

Simple past

*She said that she always **drank** coffee.*

Past continuous

*He explained that he **was reading** a book*

Past perfect

*He said that Bill **had arrived** on Saturday*

Past perfect

*He told me that he **had been** to Spain*

Past perfect

*He explained that he **had just turned out** the light*

Past perfect continuous

*They complained that they **had been waiting** for hours*

Past perfect continuous

*They told me that they **had been living** in Paris*

Present conditional

*He said that he **would be** in Geneva on Monday*

Conditional continuous

*She said that she **would be using** the car next Friday*

Other changes	
can She said, "I can teach English online."	› could She said she could teach English online.
must She said, "I must have a computer to teach English online."	› had to She said she had to have a computer to teach English online.
shall She said, "What shall we learn today?"	› should She asked what we should learn today.
may She said, "May I open a new browser?"	› might She asked if she might open a new browser.

Note! - There is no change to; could, would, should, might and ought to.

Expressions of time if reported on a different day	
this (evening)	› that (evening)
today	› yesterday ...
these (days)	› those (days)
now	› Then
(a week) ago	› (a week) before
last weekend	› the weekend before last / the previous weekend
here	› There
next (week)	› the following (week)
tomorrow	› the next/following day

Pronoun change

Me	You
"I teach English online."	She said she taught English online.

- "I've just seen a ghost!" Arthur said.
Arthur said.....
- She said to me, "We're going for a walk at lunchtime"
She told.....
- "The company is not recruiting any new staff", said the manager.
The manager said.....
- Jim said, "I don't play golf anymore"
Jim said.....
- Charlie said, "I'm very tired"
Charlie said.....

