

Let's have a closer look at...

2. Verb Tense

Direct speech	Reported speech
present simple 'He likes his drone,' she said.	past simple She said (that) he liked his drone.
present continuous 'He is flying his new drone,' she said.	past continuous She said (that) he was flying his new drone.
present perfect simple 'They have bought a new remote control,' she said.	past perfect simple She said (that) they had bought a new remote control.
present perfect continuous 'They have been recording all day,' she said.	past perfect continuous She said (that) they had been recording all day.
past simple 'He broke his drone,' she said.	past perfect simple She said (that) he had broken his drone.
past continuous 'He was flying it too high,' she said.	past perfect continuous She said (that) he had been flying it too high.

can	could
'Rosa can help you,' Kia said.	Kia said (that) Rosa help me.
may	might
'He may not have the right qualifications,' she said.	She said (that) he not have the right qualifications.
must	had to
'You must arrive earlier than normal,' she said.	She said (that) I arrive earlier than normal.
will	would
'The wind will be strong,' she said.	She said (that) the wind be strong.

