

Let's have a closer look at...

2. Verb Tense

Direct speech	Reported speech
present simple	past simple
'He likes his drone,' she said.	She said (that) he <input type="text"/> his drone.
present continuous	past continuous
'He is flying his new drone,' she said.	She said (that) he <input type="text"/> his new drone.
present perfect simple	past perfect simple
'They have bought a new remote control,' she said.	She said (that) they <input type="text"/> a new remote control.
present perfect continuous	past perfect continuous
'They have been recording all day,' she said.	She said (that) they <input type="text"/> all day.
past simple	past perfect simple
'He broke his drone,' she said.	She said (that) he <input type="text"/> his drone.
past continuous	past perfect continuous
'He was flying it too high,' she said.	She said (that) he <input type="text"/> it too high.

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

