



Lesson

17

REPORTED SPEECH



1. RULES

- ★ Lời nói trực tiếp hay còn gọi là lời trích dẫn, dùng để diễn đạt lời nói của ai một cách trực tiếp. Lời của người nói được đặt trong dấu ngoặc kép.
- ★ Lời nói gián tiếp hay còn gọi là câu tường thuật, dùng để thuật lại lời nói của ai một cách gián tiếp, không dùng dấu ngoặc kép.

Examples: *Trực tiếp*: "I am doing my homework now." She said.

Gián tiếp: She said (that) she was doing her homework then.

Cách chuyển từ lời nói trực tiếp sang lời nói gián tiếp.

Cấu trúc chung:

"S1 + V + ..." S2 said/ told...

⇒ S2 + said/ told... + (that) + S1 + V_↓ (lùi thì) + ...

Examples: "I want to go home today". Linda said

⇒ Linda said that she wanted to go home that day.

Các quy tắc biến đổi thành phần trong lời nói gián tiếp.

a. Biến đổi động từ (V) ⇒ Lùi về một thì

Am, is – are	Was – were
Was – were	Had been
Will – shall	Would
Can / May	Could / Might
Must – Have to/ has to	Had to
Present simple (V/ Vs(es))	Past simple (Ved/ P1)
Present perfect (have/ has Ved / PII)	Past perfect (had Ved / PII)
Past simple (Ved / P1)	

b. Biến đổi đại từ (Chủ ngữ, tân ngữ, tính từ sở hữu, đại từ sở hữu)

Chủ ngữ		Tân ngữ	
I	He – she	Me	Him – her
We	They	Us	Them
You	I – he – she – we – they	You	Me – him – her – us – them

Tính từ sở hữu		Đại từ sở hữu	
My	His – her	Mine	His – hers
Our	Their	Ours	Theirs
Your	My – his – her – our – their	Yours	Mine – his – hers – ours – theirs

c. Biến đổi trạng từ (Thời gian, địa điểm)

This (đây, này – số ít)	That (đó, kia – số ít)
These (đây, này – số nhiều)	Those (đó, kia – số nhiều)
Here (ở đây)	There (ở đó)
Now (bây giờ)	Then (lúc đó)
Today (hôm nay)	That day
Tonight (tối nay)	That night
Yesterday (hôm qua)	The day before – The previous day
Tomorrow (ngày mai)	The next day – The following day



The day before yesterday (<i>ngày hôm kia</i>)	2 days before
The day after tomorrow (<i>ngày kia</i>)	In 2 days' time
Ago (<i>trước</i>)	Before
Next (week/ month / year) (<i>tuần, tháng, năm sau</i>)	The following week/ month/ year
Last (week/ month/ year) (<i>tuần, tháng, năm trước</i>)	The previous week/ month/ year

2. COMMON KINDS OF REPORTED SPEECH

1. Statement

- "S1 + V + ..." . S2 said/ told (sb)
 ⇒ S2 + said/ told ...(sb) + (that) + S1 + V_↓(lùi thì) + ...
- » "We will visit our grandmother tomorrow." They said to me
 ⇒ They said to me (that) they would visit their grandmother the following day/ the next day.

2. Yes/ No Questions

- "Do/ Did/ Have/ Will/ Can/ Are...+ S1 + V?" S2 asked (sb)
 ⇒ S2 + asked
 wanted to know | + (sb) + if / whether + S1 + V_↓(lùi thì) + ...
 wondered
- » "Do you often go out with your friends?" An asked us
 ⇒ An wanted to know if we often went out with our friends.
- » "Is your brother in London now?" I asked Marry
 ⇒ I asked Marry whether her brother was in London then.

3. Wh- Questions

- “WH-words + Aux + S1 + V?” S2 asked (sb)
(What/ Where/ When...)

⇒ S2 + asked
wanted to know + (sb) WH-words + S1 + V_↓(lùi thì) + ...
wondered

- » “What does he usually buy here?” An asked us
⇒ An asked us what he usually bought there.
- » “When have you worked for this company?” I asked John
⇒ I wondered when John had worked for that company.

4. Imperatives

“V..., (please).” / “Don’t V..., (please).” S asked/ told (sb).

⇒ S + asked / told + sb + (not) TO V.

- » “Close the windows, please.” Min told me.
⇒ Min asked / told me to close the windows.
- » “Don’t walk on the grass.” He told me.
⇒ He told / asked me not to walk on the grass.

5. Request

- “Will, would, can, could + you + (not) V + (please)?”
S asked/ told (sb)
- “Do / Would you mind + (not) Ving?” S asked/ told (sb)
- “Don’t forget + to V...” S asked/ told (sb)

⇒ S + asked / told + sb + (not) TO V.

- » “Will you help me please?” Tom asked Jim
⇒ Tom told/ asked Jim to help him.
- » “Do you mind not turning the TV on?” He told me.
⇒ He told / asked me not to turn the TV on.

Let's Practice

Exercise 1. Match the words used in direct speech with the words used in reported speech.

Nối từ/ cụm từ trong câu trực tiếp tương ứng trong câu gián tiếp.

Direct speech

- 1 can
- 2 may
- 3 must / have to
- 4 will
- 5 this
- 6 here
- 7 today
- 8 yesterday
- 9 tonight
- 10 last month
- 11 tomorrow
- 12 last year

Reported speech

- a that
- b the previous year
- c that night
- d the previous month
- e had to
- f that day
- g the day before
- h might
- i there
- j the next day
- k could
- l would

Answer question

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12.



Exercise 2. Changing the verb tenses into reported speech.

Biến đổi động từ sang dạng gián tiếp.

Direct Speech	Reported speech
1 "I <u>love</u> speaking English," Robert said.	Robert said that he speaking English.
2 "I <u>am listening</u> to music," Mandy said.	Mandy said she to music.
3 "I <u>lost</u> my glasses again," Tony said.	Tony said that he his glasses again.
4 "I <u>have finished</u> my homework," Pat said.	Pat said he his homework.
5 "I <u>was paying</u> attention to the lesson," Lucy said.	Lucy said she attention to the lesson.
6 "We <u>will visit</u> you," they told their grandparents.	They told their grandparents that they them.
7 "I <u>am going</u> to tell Miss Linh about this change," Rachel said.	Rachel said she Miss Linh about that change.
8 "My sister <u>can dance</u> very well," Mina said.	Mina said that her sister very well.
9 "It <u>may rain</u> this afternoon," my aunt said.	My aunt said that it this afternoon.
10 "We <u>have to work</u> on the night shift," Jane said.	Jane said they on the night shift.

Exercise 3. Change these underlined verbs into direct ones.

Chuyển các động từ được gạch chân sang câu trực tiếp.

- 1 He said: "I tired."
⇒ He said that he was tired.
- 2 She said: "I for my car keys."
⇒ She said that she was looking for her car keys.
- 3 He said: "I France last year."
⇒ He said that he had visited France the previous year.
- 4 She said: "I here for a long time."
⇒ She said that she had lived there for a long time
- 5 He said: "They the task on time."
⇒ He said that they had finished the task on time.
- 6 She said: "I golf at this time yesterday."
⇒ She said that she had been playing golf at that time the day before.
- 7 He said: "I the violin for nearly 3 hours."
⇒ He said that he had been playing the violin for nearly 3 hours."
- 8 She said: "I a newspaper for 2 hours before bedtime yesterday."
⇒ She said that she had been reading a newspaper for 2 hours before bedtime the day before.
- 9 He said: "I open the window."
⇒ He said that he would open the window.
- 10 She said: "I buy a new Mercedes car."
⇒ She said that she would buy a new Mercedes car.
- 11 He said: "I do it."
⇒ He said that he could do it.



- 12 She said: "It rain."
⇒ She said that it might rain.
- 13 He said: "I help her."
⇒ He said that he had to help her.
- 14 She said: "I submit my assignment tomorrow."
⇒ She said that she had to submit her assignment the next day.

Exercise 4. Change these underlined adverbs into reported ones.

Chuyển các trạng từ được gạch chân sang câu gián tiếp.

- 1 "I'm going to watch a movie tonight," Bob told me.
⇒ Bob told me that he was going to watch a movie
- 2 "I'm going to the supermarket now," Sam said.
⇒ Sam said he was going to the supermarket
- 3 "I bought a new cap yesterday," my sister told me.
⇒ My sister told me that she had bought a new cap
- 4 "I don't need to go to work today," the secretary said.
⇒ The secretary said he didn't need to go to work
- 5 "We had a car accident last week," they said.
⇒ They said they had had a car accident
- 6 "I'll drive to the countryside tomorrow," he promised.
⇒ He promised he would drive to the countryside
- 7 "She received two letters two months ago," he said.
⇒ He said she had received two letters
- 8 "You'll have a driving test next Monday," our teacher said.
⇒ Our teacher said that we would have a driving test

- 9 "They are going to build a new house here," her friend said.
⇒ Her friend said that they were going to build a new house
- 10 "He borrowed some money from me last night," Cindy said.
⇒ Cindy said that he had some money from her

Exercise 5. Circle the correct answer.

Chọn đáp án đúng.

- 1 I [said | told] the driver I wanted to get off the bus.
- 2 My mother [said | told] there was a letter for me.
- 3 Everybody [said | told] I looked so ill that day.
- 4 I didn't [say | tell] Peter that I was travelling to New York.
- 5 He [said | told] he was very happy.
- 6 Anna [said | told] me she didn't like carrots.
- 7 Jack [said | told] to me that you were at home then.
- 8 The woman [said | told] she was a journalist.
- 9 They asked me a lot of questions, but I didn't [say | tell] them anything.
- 10 Dan [said | told] that he would wait at the bus stop until they came back.
- 11 Jim [said | told] me about the party last night.
- 12 Our teacher [said | told] he was pleased with our results.
- 13 He [said | told] he couldn't remember her name.
- 14 He [said | told] me what a kind girl she was.
- 15 Bella [said | told] to her mother that she was interested in Science.



Exercise 6. Change these underlined parts into reported speech.

Chuyển các cụm từ được gạch chân sang dạng gián tiếp.

- 1 The girl said, "I will stay in Da Nang for five days."
⇒ The girl said that in Da Nang for five days.
- 2 Ben said, "I saw Amy yesterday."
⇒ Ben said that Amy
- 3 Hien said, "I am washing the dishes now."
⇒ Hien said that the dishes
- 4 The young woman said, "I want these shirts."
⇒ The young woman said that shirts.
- 5 The students said, "We will have a maths test tomorrow."
⇒ The students said that a maths test
- 6 Will said, "I have just seen Alex."
⇒ Will said that Alex.
- 7 Richard said, "I watched a horror film last night."
⇒ Richard said that a horror film
- 8 The man said, "I may go to England next month."
⇒ The man said that to England
- 9 My son said, "I was late for school this morning."
⇒ My son said that late for school
- 10 Our teacher said, "You must hand in your homework next Monday."
⇒ Our teacher said that in homework

Exercise 7. Change these sentences into reported statements.

Chuyển các câu sau sang dạng câu trần thuật gián tiếp.

- 1 Her daughter said, "I am doing my homework."

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- 2 "I have painted a picture," said the boy.
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- 3 "I live near a river," said the man.
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- 4 The old man said, "I have lost my passport."
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- 5 The woman said, "I was waiting for my friends."
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- 6 "We just had a big meal," said the children.
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- 7 "We all like to play volleyball," the children said.
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- 8 "I can play the saxophone," the lady said.
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- 9 The old man said, "I am watching the news now."
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- 10 "I will take my brother to the zoo tomorrow," said George.
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Exercise 8. Change these sentences into reported questions.

Chuyển các câu sau sang dạng câu hỏi gián tiếp.

- 1 Kate: "Which shirt do you prefer?"
Kate asked Don



2 Sally asked: "When will dinner be ready?"
Sally asked him _____

3 Pat asked: "Do you usually stay in Canada?"
Pat asked me _____

4 Helen asked: "Why didn't you call me last night?"
Helen asked John _____

5 Max asked: "What are you reading?"
Max asked Kate _____

6 Edward asked: "Where has Bill bought the suit?"
Edward asked me _____

7 The teacher asked: "Are you talking in class?"
The teacher asked her _____

8 I asked: "How much money do you spend on clothes every month?"
I asked him _____

9 Thomas asked: "Where did you live 5 years ago?"
Thomas asked us _____

10 Pam asked: "Why were you so nervous?"
Pam asked me _____

Exercise 9. Change these sentences into reported commands.

Chuyển các câu sau sang dạng câu mệnh lệnh gián tiếp.

1 My friend: "Call me in thirty minutes."

⇒ My friend told me _____

2 Liam: "Don't smoke in the room!"

⇒ Liam told them _____

3 Olivia's mother: "Clean your room."

⇒ Olivia's mother told her _____

4 The teacher: "Don't forget your textbooks."

⇒ The teacher told us _____

5 Ella: "Pick me up at the train station."

⇒ Ella told Nick _____

6 The woman: "Don't shout at me!"

⇒ The woman told Harper _____

7 Mason: "Open the windows!"

⇒ Mason told him _____

8 My father: "Don't play computer games too much!"

⇒ My father told me _____

9 Jacob: "Drink more water every day."

⇒ Jacob told Nick _____

10 Noah: "Don't tease this dog!"

⇒ Noah told her _____

**Exercise 10. Change these sentences into special reported speech.**

Chuyển các câu sau sang dạng câu gián tiếp đặc biệt.

- 1 "You should read this novel, Anne," Alice said.

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- 2 "Please, Mum, take me to the concert!" She said to her mother.

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- 3 "You mustn't do that again!" She said to him.

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- 4 "Why don't you come over for dinner?" She said to her friend.

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- 5 "Remember to post the letter," said Jessica to me.

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- 6 "Don't touch this wire. It's dangerous," Charlie told us.

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- 7 "Ok, I'll lend you my car, Bill," Mia said.

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- 8 "Shall I carry that suitcase for your grandmother, Emily?" he said.

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- 9 "I will call you soon," she said to me.

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10 "I won't help you again!" he said.



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11 "I'll tell Mum if you don't do your homework," my sister said.



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12 "Yes, I cheated during the test," she said.



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13 "The accessories are so expensive here," she said.



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14 "No! I didn't steal your money," Elena said to me.



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15 "Well, I'm a bit lazy," Jack said.



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16 "Visit the mausoleum tomorrow morning!" Emma said.



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17 "Let's go for a walk, shall we?" Tom said.



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18 "Sorry! I hurt you, Charles," Jane said.



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19 "You are lying to me." John said to Anna.



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