

# REPORTED SPEECH: STATEMENTS

Tense	Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
Present Simple	I <b>like</b> ice cream.	He said that he <b>liked</b> ice cream.
Present Continuous	I <b>am living</b> in Paris.	He said that he <b>was living</b> in Paris.
Past Simple	I <b>bought</b> a car.	He said he <b>bought</b> a car.
Past Continuous	I <b>was walking</b> along the Street.	He said he <b>had been walking</b> along the Street.
Present Perfect	I <b>haven't seen</b> Mary.	He said he <b>hadn't seen</b> Mary.
Past Perfect	I <b>had taken</b> Spanish lessons before.	He said he <b>had taken</b> Spanish lessons before.
Will	I'll <b>see</b> you later.	He said he <b>would see</b> me later.
Would	I <b>would</b> help, but...	He said he <b>would help</b> but...
Can	I <b>can</b> speak perfect Spanish.	He said he <b>could speak</b> perfect Spanish.
Could	I <b>could</b> swim when I was four.	He said he <b>could swim</b> when he was four.
Should	I <b>should</b> call my mother	He said he <b>should call</b> her mother.
Might	I <b>might</b> be late.	He said he <b>might be</b> late.

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
Now	Then
Today	That day
Here	There
This	That
Tomorrow	The following day/ the next day/ the day after
Next week	The following week/ the next week/ the week after
Yesterday	The previous day/ The day before
Last week	The previous week/ The week before
Ago	Previously/ Before
Tonight	That night

"I will build a great wall and nobody builds walls better than me. I'll build them very inexpensively. I will build a great wall on our southern border and I will make Mexico pay for this wall."



"I have a great relationship with African Americans, as you possibly have heard. I just have great respect for them. And they like me. I like them."

On Mexico, Donald Trump said that he

On African Americans, Donald Trump said that he

**Complete the sentences with said or told.**

1. Dad                      us that it was a very serious problem.
2. He never                me the truth.
3. My mum                that our room wasn't very tidy.
4. She                      to me that she was really happy.
5. He was just standing there. He                nothing!
6. A nice lady                me the way to the bank.
7. The man                us that we were making a lot of noise.
8. Brian's brother                him that he was stupid!
9. I                      that I'd never play in that team again!
10. Helen                me that she had met you the night before.
11. Jake walked in,                good morning to everyone and sat at his desk.
12. The director                a few words about his film.

**Choose the correct answer.**

1. Jane says that she watches / had watched television every night.
2. The actor said that he will / would talk to us after the show, but he didn't!
3. My dad told me he was trying / had trying to get a new job.
4. He told her that he is / was living in a castle, but I know he wasn't!
5. I said that I had seen / saw the doctor the day before.
6. The boys said they must / had to go to football practice and that's why they were late.
7. The reporter said that many people were / had died in the famine.
8. They said they are / were trying to prevent terrorism.
9. The doctor said the medicine didn't worked / hadn't worked and I was still ill.
10. She said that there were / are many homeless people in the city centre.

**Change each sentence to reported speech.**

1. 'Tim was leaving,' She said that
2. 'I saw the film yesterday' Tom said that
3. 'I've missed my bus' Maria said that
4. 'We live in Marsden Street now' They said that
5. 'I'll phone you today if I can' Anna said that
6. 'I'm having a good time' Carol said that
7. 'We can arrive here at 9.00' They said that
8. 'I must do my work' Al said that
9. 'I've been looking everywhere for you!' He said that
10. 'We are going to win this match' The footballer said that
11. 'We've won every match this year,' Amy said that
12. 'I broke my leg two weeks ago,' Spencer said that
13. 'We'd heard the song before,' Rory said that
14. 'We're spending tomorrow by the swimming pool,' Belinda said that
15. 'We're staying in tonight to watch TV,' Jim said that
16. 'I'm going to fly home next week to see my family,' said Arthur



### Rewrite using direct speech.

1. She said she had left her bag on the bus the day before.
2. He told me he hadn't got any money.
3. They said he was working in a shop.
4. I told him that I would help.
5. They said they should go home.

### These are the exact words Peter said to you yesterday

"I've just got engaged! We're getting married next year. We're going to Paris for our honeymoon. It's all going to be very expensive. Luckily, my friend is a photographer so he'll take the photos for us. We'll be having the reception in my parents' back garden. My mum is baking the cake for us and my sister's band is playing free for us. I hope you'll come to the wedding."

### Now you're telling your friend what Frank told you.

Frank said he just engaged. He told me that year.  
He told me to Paris for honeymoon. He mentioned that it  
very expensive.

He said that friend and he the photos for .  
He mentioned that the reception in parents' garden. He said that  
mum the cake for and sister's band  
free for . He told that he that come to the wedding.

