


















REPORTED SPEECH

Reported speech, or indirect style, is used to tell what someone has said without using the exact words spoken by that person.

| Tense Changes in Reported Speech | | | |
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| Tense | Tense Change | Direct Speech | Reported Speech |
| Present simple | Past simple | She always wears a coat. | He said that she always wore a coat.  |
| Present continuous | Past continuous | I'm looking for my keys. | He said that he was looking for his keys.  |
| Past simple | Past perfect | My friend gave me a bar of chocolate. | He said that his friend had given him a bar of chocolate.  |
| Past continuous | Past perfect continuous | We were living in London. | They said that they had been living in London.  |
| Present perfect | Past perfect | She has written three letters for her friend. | She said that she had written three letters for her friend.  |
| Past perfect | Past perfect | The bread had gone stale. | She said the bread had gone stale.  |
| Past perfect continuous | Past perfect continuous | He had been teaching in my school for 15 years. | They said that he had been teaching in their school in 15 years.  |
| Will | Would | I will finish my report in two days. | He said that he would finish his report in two days.  |
| Would | Would | He would work in the garden. | They said that he would work in the garden.  |
| Can | Could | I can speak English. | She said she could speak English.  |
| Could | Could | He could play in the match. | They said he could play in the match.  |
| Shall | Would | I shall obey the rules. | She said she would obey the rules.  |
| Should | Should | I should start a job. | She said that she should start a job.  |
| May | Might | I may invite them to the dinner. | She said that she might invite them to the dinner.  |
| Might | Might | He might get a flight tomorrow. | She said he might get a flight the next day.  |
| Must | Must/had to | I must go to the bank and get some money. | She said she must/had to go to the bank and get some money.  |
| Have to | Had to | I have to submit this assignment by 3pm tomorrow. | She said she had to submit this assignment by 3pm tomorrow.  |

Listening activity: You are going to listen to an audio in direct speech and you have to choose the correct reported speech.

1. The Covid-19 started in 2020, the university spokesmen said to the students, “the university face to face activities are no longer possible because of Covid-19”

- a. He said that the university face to face activities were no longer possible because of Covid-19.
- b. He said that the university face to face activities will no longer possible because of Covid-19.
- c. He said that the university face to face activities are no possible because of Covid-19.

2. Fernanda has stayed at home since the pandemic started

- a. Fernanda says that she stayed home since the pandemic started.
- b. Fernanda said that she had stayed at home since the pandemic had started.
- c. Fernanda says that she has stayed home since the pandemic started.

3. Ecuadorian President said that “Due to the pandemic, Ecuadorians are studying on virtual mode”

- a. Ecuadorian President said that due to the pandemic, Ecuadorians will be studying in virtual mode.
- b. Ecuadorian President said that due to the pandemic, Ecuadorians have been studying in virtual mode.
- c. Ecuadorian President said that due to the pandemic, Ecuadorians were studying on virtual mode.

4. We know everyone can get Covid-19.

- a. We said that we had known that everyone could get Covid-19.
- b. We said that we knew everyone could get Covid-19.
- c. We said that we have known that everyone can get covid-19.

5. Fernanda knows the teachers were panicking to be vaccinated for Covid-19.

- a. Fernanda said that she knew the teachers had panicked about being vaccinated for Covid-19.
- b. Fernanda said that she knows the teachers panicked about being vaccinated for Covid-19.
- c. Fernanda said that she has known teachers have panicked about being vaccinated for Covid-19.