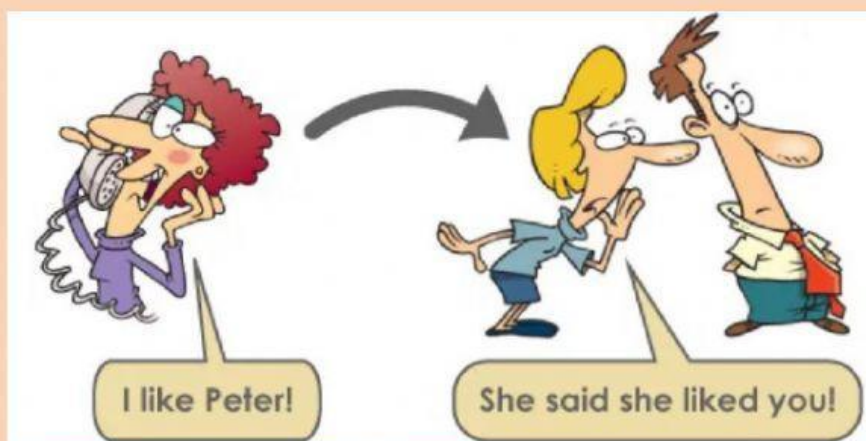


Reported speech

statements



Rules

DIRECT SPEECH		REPORTED SPEECH
Present simple	→	Past Simple
He said, "I want to watch a film"		He said (that) he wanted to watch a film
Present Continuous	→	Past Continuous
He said, "Jane is sleeping."		He said (that) Jane was sleeping.
Present Perfect	→	Past Perfect
She said, "I have bought a new dress."		She said (that) she had bought a new dress.
Past Simple	→	Past Perfect
Alex said, "I finished my homework."		Alex said (that) he had finished his homework.
Will	→	Would
She said, "I will always love Tom."		She said (that) she would always love Tom.
Can	→	Could
Tom said, "I can carry 50 kg."		Tom said (that) he could carry 50 kg.
May	→	Might
Ben said "It may rain."		Ben said (that) it might rain.
Must	→	Had to
He said, "Everybody must obey the rules."		He said (that) everybody had to obey the rules.
Have to	→	Had to
She said, "I have to go home."		She said (that) she had to go home.

CHANGE

Present simple > Past simple
Present continuous > Past continuous
Present perfect > Past perfect
Past simple > Past perfect
can > could
will > would
must > had to
may > might

NO CHANGE

Past continuous
Past perfect
might
could
should
mustn't

Orders, commands and requests

Direct speech: "Open the door!"

Reported speech: He ordered me to open the door.

Direct speech: "Don't answer the phone."

Reported speech: She told me not to answer the phone.

Direct speech: "Don't be back late."

Reported speech: He ordered me not to be back late.