

REPORTED SPEECH

DIRECT SPEECH

"I love Rachel", Ross says.

REPORTED SPEECH

Ross says that he loves Rachel.

Reporting verbs: say, tell, ask, answer, yell, whisper, etc..



If your reporting verb is in the past form, you have to change the tense in the reported sentence. You also change time expressions and pronouns.

DIRECT SPEECH

REPORTED SPEECH

today

that day

now

then

yesterday

the day before

tomorrow

the next/following

tonight

day

that night

DIRECT SPEECH

REPORTED SPEECH

last (week)

the week before

ago

before

next (week)

the following (week)

here

there

this

that

these

those

TENSE CHANGES

PRESENT SIMPLE

"I use this study app every day", Frank said.



PAST SIMPLE

Frank said that he used that study app every day.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

"We are eating pizza and watching a movie", Mary and Melody said.



PAST CONTINUOUS

Mary and Melody said that they were eating pizza and watching a movie.

PAST SIMPLE

"I bought a new laptop yesterday", Jerry said.



PAST PERFECT

Jerry said that he had bought a new laptop the day before.

FUTURE SIMPLE

"I will buy 2 tickets to a new play", Harry said.



WOULD

Harry said he would buy 2 tickets to a new play the next day.