

REPORTED SPEECH

We use reported speech to tell people what somebody said or thought in the past, or what happened. But be careful! Tenses change only when the time and speaker are different.

TENSE CHART	DIRECT SPEECH	INDIRECT SPEECH
PRESENT SIMPLE-PAST SIMPLE	I work in Paris	He said he worked in Paris
PRESENT CONTINUOUS-PAST CONT.	I am working	He said he was working
PAST SIMPLE-PAST PERFECT	I worked	He said he had worked .
PAST CONTINUOUS-PAST PERFECT CONT	I was working	He said he had been working
PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE-PAST PERFECT	I have worked	He said he had worked
PRESENT PERF. CONT-PAST PERFECT CONT	I have been working	He said he had been working
PAST PERFECT-NO CHANGE	I had worked	He said he had worked
PAST PERFECT CONT-NO CHANGE	I had been working	He said he had been working

OTHER VERB FORMS	TIME REFERENCES																																						
WILL-WOULD I will work -He said he would work. CAN-COULD I can sing -He said he could sing. MUST-HAD TO I must work -He said he had to work. MAY-MIGHT May I help you? -He asked if he might help me. SHALL-SHOULD What shall I do? -He asked what he should do.	<table> <tr> <th>DIRECT SPEECH</th><th>INDIRECT SPEECH</th></tr> <tr> <td>Now</td><td>Then</td></tr> <tr> <td>Today</td><td>That day</td></tr> <tr> <td>Here</td><td>There</td></tr> <tr> <td>This</td><td>That</td></tr> <tr> <td>This week</td><td>That week</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tomorrow</td><td>The following/next day</td></tr> <tr> <td>Next week</td><td>The following/next week</td></tr> <tr> <td>Yesterday</td><td>The previous day</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>The day before</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ago</td><td>Previously/before</td></tr> <tr> <td>Two days ago</td><td>Two days previously/before</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tonight</td><td>That night</td></tr> <tr> <td>Last Saturday</td><td>The previous Saturday</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>The Saturday before</td></tr> <tr> <td>Next Saturday</td><td>The following Saturday</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>The next Saturday</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>The Saturday after</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>That Saturday</td></tr> </table>	DIRECT SPEECH	INDIRECT SPEECH	Now	Then	Today	That day	Here	There	This	That	This week	That week	Tomorrow	The following/next day	Next week	The following/next week	Yesterday	The previous day		The day before	Ago	Previously/before	Two days ago	Two days previously/before	Tonight	That night	Last Saturday	The previous Saturday		The Saturday before	Next Saturday	The following Saturday		The next Saturday		The Saturday after		That Saturday
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PRONOUNS SOMETIMES CHANGE BE CAREFUL! Remember, pronouns sometimes change. Study these examples: -Don't tell him -he said. He asked me not to tell him . (no change) -'I like you ' -Mary told me. Mary told me that she liked me . (change)																																							



Reported 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.

I. Change the time reference. Sometimes more than one answer is correct.

1-Sally is leaving **today**.

He said Sally was leaving _____

2-He visited London **last week**.

He said he had visited London _____

3-We had an argument **last night**.

He said they'd had an argument _____

4-I'm not eating **now**.

He said he wasn't eating _____

5-Jimmy is coming **next week**.

He said Jimmy was coming _____

6-I forgot my key **yesterday**.

He said he'd forgotten his key _____

7-I'll call you **tomorrow**.

He said he would call me _____

8-I don't live **here** anymore.

He said he didn't live _____ anymore.

9-I'm meeting Phil **tonight**.

She said she was meeting Phil _____

II. Put the sentences into reported speech.

1. She told him, "Shut the door!"

She told him _____

2. He said, "I am going home now."

He said (that) _____

3. Sam asked her, "Have you got 20 pounds?"

Sam asked her _____

4. He wanted to know, "Which picture is the most famous one?"

He wanted to know _____

5. She said, "I was biking yesterday."

She said (that) _____

6. He was told, "Fill in the form!"

He was told _____

7. She said, "I am doing my homework."

She said (that) _____

8. They asked me, "Did Paul lose the match?"

They asked me _____

9. He told her, "Don't call me before 7 o'clock!"

He told her _____

10. Mother said to me, "I will buy that book for you."

Mother said to me (that) _____

11. Cathy asked me, "Is the movie interesting or boring?"

Cathy asked me _____

12. She said to him, "I have invited you to my party."

She said to him (that) _____

13. They wanted to know, "When is your birthday?"

They wanted to know _____

14. Susan said, "I like classical music."

Susan said (that) _____

15. She asked me, "Where did you meet her?"

She asked me _____