Reported Speech

Direct speech is the exact words someone said. We use quotation marks (" ") in direct speech.
"I want to help," Mary said.

Reported speech is the exact meaning of what someone said, but not the exact words. We do not use quotation marks in reported speech. We can either use the word **that** after the introductory verb or we can omit it.
*Mary said **(that)** she wanted to help.*

- When the introductory verb is in the **present tense** or when the sentence expresses **something which is always true** (general truth), there are no changes in the verb tenses in reported speech.

  Direct speech: *She says "I love animals."*
  Reported speech: *She **says** (that) she **loves** animals.*
  Direct speech: *"Rhinos live in eastern and southern Africa," said the teacher.*
  Reported speech: *The teacher said (that) rhinos **live** in eastern and southern Africa.*

1. **Firs read the following direct speech sentences. In which of them do the tenses change? Why?Then ,turn the sentences from direct speech into reported speech,as in the example.**

1 "The sun sets in the west," he said.
He said that the sun sets in the west.
Tenses do not change - general truth.

2 "Penguins can't fly," he said.
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3 "They are watching a film on TV now," she said.
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4 "It will be sunny tomorrow," he says.
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5 "They visited the zoo last week," he said.
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6 "Mammals feed their babies on milk," the teacher said.
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7 "We have never been to a circus," she said.
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8 "I don't like milk," she says.
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9 "They'll go shopping tomorrow," she said.
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10 "Mary doesn't speak French," he said.
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