

Time expressions in Reported Speech

How do these expressions change?

Direct speech	Reported Speech
	then
this	
	that day
before	
	two days earlier
yesterday	
	that evening
last night	
	the following month
tomorrow	

BUT

What if the time being referred to isn't in the past?

Earlier today, I met my mum at the shops. "I'll see you this evening", she said.

Earlier today, I met my mum at the shops. She said _____.

What if the time reference isn't certain?

"I haven't done my homework, but promise I'll do it soon."

The student said _____.

What if the conversation is happening right now?

(On the phone) Mum: I'm making your lunch. You can borrow the car.

Mum is on the phone. She says _____.

What if the time reference isn't important?

Minister: "As the meeting is still ongoing, we are unable to answer the question right now,"

The minister said _____.