Reported speech (2 – changes in verbs)

We use reported speech to tell others what someone said.

To do this, we use **reporting verbs**. We can use different verbs depending on sentences:

- statements: say, tell, explain, announce, add, promise, complain…
- questions: ask, wonder, enquire, want to know…
- orders: tell, instruct, warn, remind, order…
- requests: ask, beg…
- offers & suggestions: offer, suggest, propose, advise, recommend…

VERBS CHANGE:	
Present simple	Past simple
Present perfect	Past perfect
Present/Past cont.	Past continuous
Past simple	Past perfect
Past perfect	Past perfect
Will	Would
Can	Could
Must	Had to

We must **adapt the reported sentence** to the new situation:
1. Change pronouns (to refer to correct people and things).
2. Change the verb (change tense/modals and adapt to new subject).
3. Change place and time references.

Complete the following sentences changing the verb form:

1. 'I <u>live</u> near Oxford,' she said.   She said that she _____ near Oxford.

2. 'They <u>are going</u> to the park,' Tom said.   Tom said that they _____ to the park.

3. 'It <u>will rain</u> today,' Mum said.   Mum said that it _____ that day.

4. 'Gran <u>bakes</u> great cakes,' Jane said.   Jane said that Gran _____ great cakes.

5. 'We <u>can meet</u> for lunch,' said Karen.   Karen said that we _____ for lunch.

6. Helen said, 'I <u>am going</u> to NY in July.'   Helen said that she _____ to NY in July.

Complete the following reported questions changing the verb form:

1. '<u>Do</u> you <u>like</u> going to the beach?'   They asked me if I _____ going to the beach.

2. '<u>Did</u> you <u>see</u> this film?'   She asked me if I _____ that film.

3. 'What <u>is</u> your telephone number?'   He asked me what my telephone number _____

4. 'Can you <u>show</u> your passport?'   The officer asked me to _____ my passport.

5. 'When <u>will</u> we <u>arrive</u>?'   The child asked when we _____

6. '<u>Must</u> we <u>start</u> now?'   They asked if they _____ then.

7. 'Where <u>have</u> you <u>found</u> the info?'   She asked where we _____ the info.

Place the correct reporting verb into each sentence:

reminded	wondered	complained	warned	promised	told

1. Sarah _____ that she didn't know any answers.

2. The forecast _____ that there would be storms the following day.

3. The teacher _____ us to finish our homework for Friday.

4. We _____ that we would be back home soon.

5. Pam _____ where her notebook was.

6. The keeper _____ us to leave.