

Reported speech.

Statements.

Direct Speech	Reported Speech	Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Simple Present	Simple Past	Today/ tonight	that day /that night
Present Continuous	Past Continuous	now	then
Simple Past	Past Perfect Simple	yesterday	the day before
Present Perfect Simple		... days ago	... days before
Past Perfect Simple		last week	the week before
Past Continuous	Past Perfect Continuous	next year	the following year
Present Perfect Progressive		tomorrow	the next day / the following day
Past Perfect Progressive		here	there
Future (be+going to)	was / were going to	this	that
Future (will)	Conditional (would)	these	those

Change pronouns and expressions of time and place where necessary.

- They said, "This is our book."
→ They said _____
- She said, "I went to the cinema yesterday."
→ She said _____
- He said, "I am writing a test tomorrow."
→ He said _____
- You said, "I will do this for him."
→ You said _____
- She said, "I am not hungry now."
→ She said _____
- They said, "We have never been here before."
→ They said _____
- They said, "We were in London last week."
→ They said _____
- He said, "I will finish this paper by tomorrow."
→ He said _____
- He said, "They won't sleep."
→ He said _____
- She said, "It is very quiet here."
→ She said _____

EXERCISE 2 Choose the correct option.

When I **saw/seen** Mary at the office **this/that** morning, she wasn't looking very well. In fact she **had looked/looked** a bit tired. I **tell/asked** her what the matter **is/was** with her but she wouldn't **tell/say** me. I **wanted/had been wanting** to know what was going on so I **ask/asked** Phil but he **didn't/wasn't** know, either. Two hours later, at about ten o'clock, we **met/were meeting** at the canteen to have a cup of coffee. But Mary **didn't/wasn't** order anything to drink. I knew she loved coffee so that was quite strange. When I asked her why she **wasn't/didn't** want anything to drink she said she **didn't have/wasn't having** her wallet. Her husband **had been taking/had taken** it. I **said/asked** her how she **was coming/had come** to work and she said that as she didn't have any money at all she **come/came** on foot. So that's why she **is/was** so tired! She lived in a nearby town which was ten kilometers away! No wonder why she **is/was** exhausted!

EXERCISE 3 Change the time reference.

Sometimes more than one answer is correct.

- Sally is leaving **today**.
He said Sally was leaving _____
- He visited London **last week**.
He said he had visited London _____
- We had an argument **last night**.
He said they'd had an argument _____
- I'm not eating **now**.
He said he wasn't eating _____
- Jimmy is coming **next week**.
He said Jimmy was coming _____
- I forgot my key **yesterday**.
He said he'd forgotten his key _____
- I'll call you **tomorrow**.
He said he would call me _____
- I don't live **here** anymore.
He said he didn't live _____ anymore.
- I'm meeting Phil **tonight**.
She said she was meeting Phil _____