

# Reported Speech: Statements

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Complete the rules

We use reported speech to tell someone what another person said. The main verb usually moves back one tense into the \_\_\_\_\_. We also change pronouns and possessive adjectives where necessary and there are often changes in words that show \_\_\_\_\_ and place.

We can use the verbs say and tell to report speech. When we use \_\_\_\_\_, we follow it with an object.

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Choose the correct verb

1 The film critic **told / said** that Conquest was the best film he'd ever seen.

2 I was impressed when my drama teacher said that **she / I** had performed on Broadway.

3 We told our parents that we would go to the opera with them the **last week / following day**.

4 David said he had lent Jenny his music book the day **before / yesterday**.

5 The director said he was busy **at the moment / at that moment**.

6 Mrs. Hill said her son's friend had broken **her / its** CD player.

7 Tina told me that **you / I** recommended buying the soundtrack of *Mamma Mía*.

8 I **told / said** Jodie that she had to rehearse for the audition.

3

Change the direct speech into reported

1 'I enjoyed the party last night,' Veronica said.

Veronica said (that) she

2 'My mum doesn't like this reality show,' Tom said.

Tom said (that) his mum

3 'We're going to visit the National Art Gallery tomorrow,' Mrs. Jones told us.

Mrs. Jones told us (that) we

4 'Susan and Amanda will help me learn my lines,' said Natalie.

Natalie said (that) Susan and Amanda

5 'I must finish my film review tonight,' Samantha said.

Samantha said (that) she

6 'I'm watching an interesting documentary at the moment,' Dad said.

Dad said (that) he

7 'Matthew joined the drama group last month,' Bill told me.

Bill told me (that) Matthew