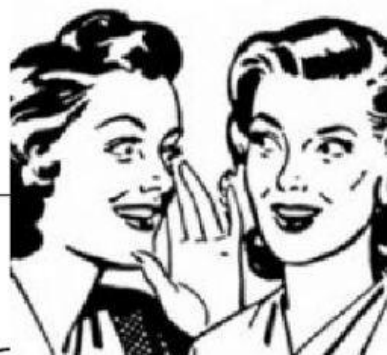


Reported Speech



You use the reported speech to

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DIRECT	→	REPORTED
Present Simple		
Present Progressive		
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Past Simple		
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Past Perfect		
will		
can		
must		

DIRECT	→	REPORTED
here		
this		
these		
now		
today		
yesterday		
tomorrow		
next week/year/...		
last week/year/...		

✓ Pronouns need to change as well:

I = he/she; me = him/her; my = his/her; mine = his, hers; we = they

✓ said said said, bla bla bla

Instead of "SAID that..." you can use other words:

We I He/She/It You	read pointed out heard thought screamed replied	that...
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→ He **said** that & He **told** SOMEBODY that ...

People made these statements. Report them, using said.

a. "Mary works in a bank", Jane said.

b. "I'm staying with some friends", Jim pointed out.

c. "I've never been to Russia", Mike screamed.

d. "Tom can't use a computer", Ella whispered.

e. "Everybody must try to do their best", Jill said.

g. "I'll stay at home on Sunday", Bill shouted.



Change the following statements into the reported speech.

a. "I have something to show you", I told her.

b. "I'm going away tomorrow", he said.

c. "I've been in London for a month but I haven't had time to visit the Tower", said Rupert.

d. "I'll come with you as soon as I'm ready", she replied.

e. "We have a lift but very often it doesn't work", they said.

f. "I must go to the dentist tomorrow", he whispered.

g. "I found an old Roman coin in the garden yesterday and I am going to take it to the museum this afternoon", he told me.
