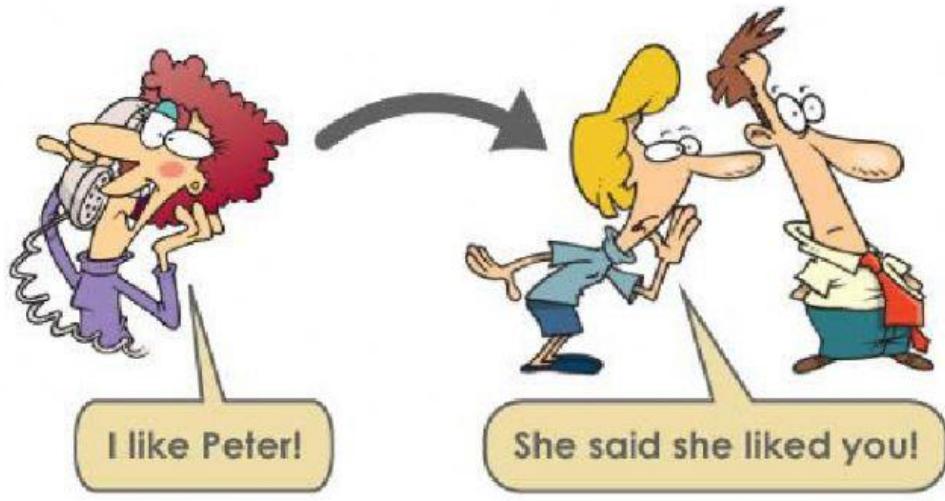


REPORTED SPEECH

You use the reported/indirect speech when you want to report, what another person has said. = retelling



Reporting verbs

Don't always use „say“ or „tell“! Put the correct words (fill in the numbers to the matching German expression) together and learn them:

1	he added	{}	er versprach
2	he agreed		er fügte hinzu
3	he explained		er erklärte
4	he mentioned		er erwähnte
5	he pointed out		er erwiderte/antwortete
6	he considered		er fuhr fort/sprach weiter
7	he replied		er fragte
8	he admitted		er stimmte zu
9	he continued		er bedauerte
10	he promised		er hob besonders hervor
11	he regretted		er zog in Betracht
12	he asked if		er gab zu

Changes in reported speech

If you transform a direct speech sentence into reported/indirect speech, there are some changes you must do:

1. Person / personal pronoun

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
I	He, She
You	I, she, he, we they
we	they
me	him, her
you	him, her, us, them
us	them
my	his, her
your	my, his, her, our, their

2. Verb tense

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Present	Past
Past	Past Perfect
Will	Would
Can	Could
May	Might
Must	Had to

3. Time and place expression

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Today	That day
Tonight	That night
Tomorrow	The next day / The following day
Next (week, month,...)	The following (week, month,...)
Ago	Before
Yesterday	The day before / The previous day
Last (week, month,...)	The previous (week, month,...)
Now	Then
Here	There
This	That
These	Those

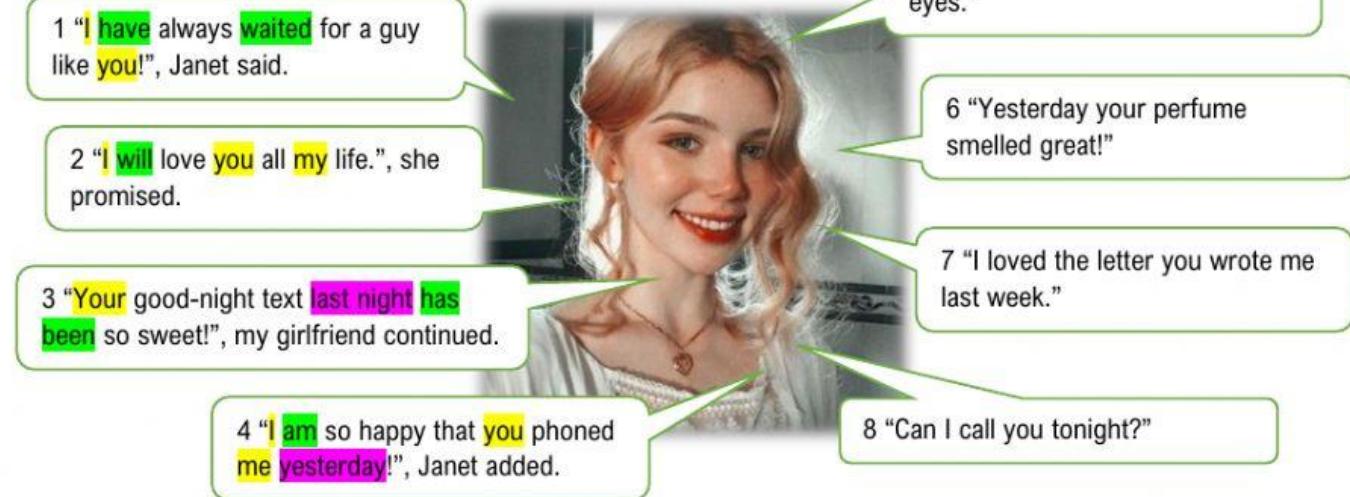
"My cat doesn't like this cheese today!", Peter told me.

→ He told me that HIS cat DID NOT LIKE THAT cheese THAT DAY.

Transforming direct into reported speech

Janet is in love with Jason. Jason meets a friend and retells what his girlfriend told him:

Remember to change: PERSON VERB TIME EXPRESSION



Report, what Janet said. Use given reporting verbs if given or decide for yourself.

1. Janet said that **she had always waited** for a guy like **me**!

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.