

CAE – Reported Speech

Look at the table below and fill in the gaps

Rule	Direct Speech	Reported Speech
• Present Simple ➡ Past Simple	"I don't like chocolate cake."	She said chocolate.
• ➡	"She is leaving this Friday."	He told us she was leaving that Friday.
• Past Simple ➡ Past Perfect Simple	"I woke up at 6 o'clock yesterday."	She said she up at 6 o'clock
• ➡	"I wasn't talking too loudly."	He said that he hadn't been talking too loudly.
• Present Perfect Simple ➡ Past Perfect Simple	"He hasn't been to South America until now."	He said to South America until .
• ➡	"They had been travelling for months."	She told us that they had been travelling for months.
• Be going to ➡ was going to	"Frank is going to pick us up tomorrow."	She said Frank going to pick up
• ➡	"We'll see you later today."	They said we would see them later that day.
• May ➡ might	"We may go on holiday together next summer."	He said they go on holiday together
• ➡	"I can speak five languages."	She said that she could speak five languages.
• ➡	"What shall we bring for the picnic?"	He wanted to know what he should bring for the picnic.
• Must ➡ had to	"You must be here on time."	She said I be on time.
• Yes/ no questions ➡ insert if/whether and return to affirmative word order	"Do you speak Mandarin?"	She asked me Mandarin.
• "Wh-" questions ➡ keep question word and return to affirmative word order	"What time did you get up last Saturday?"	She asked me
• affirmative commands ➡ full infinitive	"Stop that!"	She asked me that.
• ➡	"Don't leave me alone!"	She asked me not to leave her alone.