The Reported Speech

The Reported Speech is defined by a magic number:

3 types of reporting 3 exceptions to the rule 3 changes

A. 3 types of reporting. Match the types of reporting with the corresponding examples:

a. statements	1. Do you like my outfit?
b. questions	2. Don't wear socks with sandals!
c. orders or commands	3. I'm wearing a new designer dress

B. 3 exceptions to the rule. Match the exceptions with the corresponding examples:

General truths, laws of nature	He said he loves her.
Up-to-date reporting (still true)	He says life at the countryside is easier.
Reporting verb in the present	He said that the Earth revolves around the Sun.

C. 3 changes. Match the changes with the corresponding examples:

Tenses	We -> they
Pronouns	Present simple -> Past Simple
Adverbs of time and place	Here -> there

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1. **Fill in the gaps with the words from the box below and discover which tenses change from direct to reported speech. You can use some words more than once.**

PAST PERFECT / PAST CONTINUOUS / WOULD // PAST SIMPLE / HAD TO/ NO CHANGE	
DIRECT SPEECH	**REPORTED SPEECH**
PRESENT SIMPLE Mum: *'Are you hungry?'*	_____ Mum **asked** me if/whether I **was** hungry
PRESENT CONTINUOUS Claudia: *'I'm wearing a black dress today.'*	_____ Claudia **said** she **was wearing** a black dress that day.
PRESENT PERFECT Alex: *'I haven't seen elephants before.'*	_____ Alex **told** me he **hadn't seen** elephants before.
PAST SIMPLE Geo and Andrei: *'We ate cake yesterday.'*	_____ Geo and Andrei **told** us they **had eaten** cake the day before.
PAST PERFECT Tom: *'I had just turned out the light.'*	_____ Tom **explained** that he **had** just **turned out** the light.
MIGHT/COULD Jason: *'I might pass the exam.'*	_____ Jason **said** he **might pass** the exam.
MUST Diana: *'You must study more!'*	_____ Diana **told** me that I **had to** study more.
MUSTN'T Matei: *'You mustn't be late for school!'*	_____ Matei **told** me that I **mustn't be** late for school.
WILL Roger: *'When will Ana and Maria move to Italy?'*	_____ Roger **asked** me when Ana & Maria **would move** to Italy.
WOULD Elena: *'I would like to visit Paris.'*	_____ Elena **told** me she **would like** to visit Paris.

2. **Fill in the gaps with the words from the box below and discover how some words describing time and place change from direct to reported speech.**

that day / that / there / the next day / the previous week / the day before	
DIRECT SPEECH	**REPORTED SPEECH**
today	
tomorrow	
yesterday	
last week	
here	
this	

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