



Unit 1: Reported Speech

When we use reported speech, we are telling someone what another person said.



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CHANGES



PRESENT SIMPLE "I see my flowers from here"	PAST SIMPLE She said (that) she saw her flowers from there.
PRESENT CONTINUOUS "I am growing carrots this year"	PAST CONTINUOUS She said (that) she was growing carrots that year.
PAST SIMPLE "I forgot my rake yesterday"	PAST PERFECT She said (that) she had forgotten her rake the previous day.
PRESENT PERFECT "I have planted new seeds here"	PAST PERFECT She said (that) she had planted new seeds there.
WILL "I will take care of your garden next month"	WOULD She said (that) she would take care of my garden the following month.
MUST / HAVE TO "I must water these sunflowers now"	HAD TO She said (that) she had to water those sunflowers then.
CAN "You can call me tomorrow"	COULD She said (that) I could call her the following day.
MAY (probability) "It may rain next week"	MIGHT She said (that) it might rain the following week.
MAY (permission) "You may borrow my gardening tools today"	COULD She said (that) I could borrow her gardening tools that day.

Some notes:

Podemos introducir lo que otra persona ha dicho simplemente con She/He said ... pero si queremos apuntar a quién se lo dijo podemos usar She / He told me/ him... o She/He said TO me.

"That" puede incluirse o no, como ves en los ejemplos está entre paréntesis, it's up to you!

OTHER CHANGES

NOW → THEN
TODAY → THAT DAY
YESTERDAY → THE PREVIOUS DAY
LAST MONTH, WEEK... → THE PREVIOUS MONTH, WEEK...
AGO → BEFORE
TOMORROW → THE NEXT/ FOLLOWING DAY
NEXT WEEK ... → THE NEXT / FOLLOWING WEEK
THIS → THAT
THESE → THOSE
HERE → THERE

COMMANDS

TO+infinitivo
"Be careful with the insects!"
She told me to be careful with the insects.

NOT TO + infinitivo
"Don't transplant daisies in winter"
She told/advised me not to transplant daisies in winter.

Activity 1 - This is what my teacher Carla told me some time ago:

1. I am correcting exams now. **She told me that she was correcting exams then.**
2. I can't understand these old books. _____
3. My students must send their homework today.

4. I won't work here next year. _____
5. Don't speak during the exam ! _____
6. You may wait for me in the hall. _____

Activity 2- Choose the correct alternative. I saw Tom time ago and this is what he said to me:

1. I go to church every Sunday. _____
2. I lost my glasses last week. _____
3. I have just watched my favorite film again. _____
4. Call your family more often. _____
5. My grandchildren may visit me this month. _____
6. I don't remember your name. _____

Activity 3: Reported Speech + Phrasal Verbs. Sarah told me...

1. "I have always looked up to you"
Sarah said to me that _____
2. I am getting rid of my old furniture now.
Sarah said to me that _____
3. Marta turned down my offer five days ago.
Sarah said to me that _____
4. You must call off this meeting now.
Sarah said to me that _____
5. Don't give up!
Sarah said to me _____