

Ryan My penfriend Louis has invited me to stay with him in Paris in July. Mum and Dad **said** it **was** OK for me to go.

Maddy Wow! That's exciting!

Ryan Louis **said** he'd **had** lots of fun when he'd **come** to visit me in England.

Reported speech: statements

We use reported speech to tell people what someone has said. We often use the verbs **said** or **told** when reporting a statement. **Told** is followed by a name or an object pronoun. We usually change the tense of the main verb.

Direct speech	Reported speech	Direct speech example	Reported speech example
present simple	past simple	'Dinner's ready,' said Mum.	Mum said dinner was ready.
present continuous	past continuous	'It's raining,' Joe told us.	Joe told us it was raining.
past simple	past perfect	'They went to town,' I said.	I said they had gone to town.
present perfect	past perfect	'Mia's arrived,' said Tom.	Tom said Mia had arrived .
will/won't	would/wouldn't	'Billy won't come,' I said.	I said Billy wouldn't come.
can/can't	could/couldn't	'I can't swim,' I told Chris.	I told Chris I couldn't swim.

We sometimes make other changes, such as to pronouns, possessive adjectives and time words.

'I'm hungry,' said Julia. → Julia said **she** was hungry.

'My Dad's bought a car,' said Martin. → Martin said **his** Dad had bought a car.

'I'll call you **tonight**,' said Sandra. → Sandra said she would call me **that night**.

1 Tick (✓) the sentences that are correct.

1 'We've been to the USA twice.'

Max and Sidney said they'd been to the USA twice.

Max and Sidney said we'd been to the USA twice.

3 'It's raining really hard.'

Seb told it was raining really hard.

Seb told me it was raining really hard.

2 'I'll take Dad to work.'

Mum said she'll take Dad to work.

Mum said she'd take Dad to work.

4 'We're making a cake.'

They said they were making a cake.

They said they're making a cake.

2 Look at the pictures. Circle the correct answers.



Marion told Linda she's / 'd never met her sister.



Harry said William's bike was / is bigger than his.



The teacher said the climate is / was changing.



Mum said it was / 's a week before they went away.



The teacher said we can / could recycle glass.



Jess said Charlie hadn't wanted / didn't want any ice cream.

3 Read the conversation and complete the text. Use reported speech.

Theo What are you doing this summer?

Jack I'm going to Italy. If we have time, we'll travel to France as well.

Theo I've invited my American pen friend, Andy, to stay with my family. He'll be with us for about six weeks.

Jack Andy sounds nice. I want to meet him.

Theo I've made some plans for his visit already. You can come with us!

Jack said he ¹ was going to Italy that summer. He said if his family ² _____ time, they ³ _____ to France as well. Theo told Jack he ⁴ _____ his American pen friend, Andy, to stay with his family. Theo said Andy ⁵ _____ with them for about six weeks. Jack said Andy ⁶ _____ nice. He said he ⁷ _____ to meet him. Theo said he ⁸ _____ some plans for Andy's visit already. He said Jack ⁹ _____ come with them!

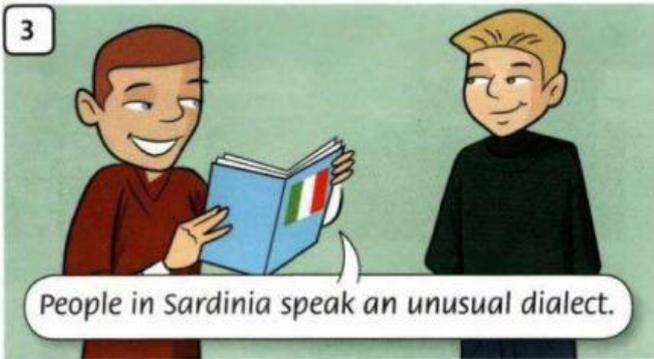
4 Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with reported speech. Change the pronoun and possessive pronouns if necessary.



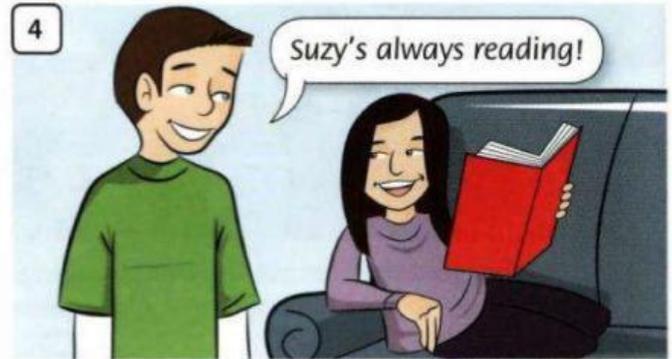
Jess said she didn't feel well.



Zoe said _____



Gerry said _____



Jack said _____



Mrs Roberts said _____



Tara said _____



Billy and Theo said _____



Ted said _____

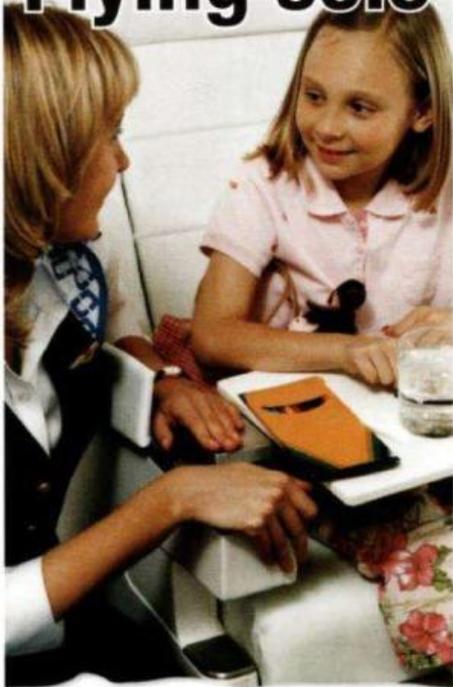
5 Complete the table. Write the reported speech as direct speech.

	Reported speech	Speaker	Direct speech sentence
1	I said I was tired.	me	I'm tired.
2	The café owner told us there'd been a lot of tourists in town that day.		
3	Billy said he was really looking forward to the TV show.		
4	Clare said she didn't like olives very much.		
5	Fred told Jasper he hadn't switched on the computer.		
6	He said the experiment had been very exciting.		
7	Mum and Dad said I could go camping with my friends.		
8	Kelly told me her sister was getting married in the summer.		

6 Complete the table. Write the direct speech as reported speech.

	Direct speech	Reported speech	Speaker	Listener
1	'I want an ice cream,' Gary said.	Gary said he wanted an ice cream.	Gary	-
2	'Polly is learning her script upstairs,' Amy said.			
3	'Katie ran very quickly,' Katie's mum told us.			
4	'We don't know the population of London,' Olly and Max said.			
5	'I like painting,' said Edward.			
6	'Milly's dad has worked in New York,' Tina told Billy.			
7	'There won't be many people on the beach,' the man told Dad.			
8	'You can't predict the weather in my country,' said Lily.			

Flying solo



Have you ever travelled abroad by yourself? Katie Rogers is 12 years old and her grandparents live in New York. Katie flew from London to New York **by herself** for the first time this year. 'I was a bit nervous about flying **by myself**. My mum and dad took me to the airport in London and helped me to check in my suitcase.

The flight lasted 9 hours. I sat next to a girl on the plane who was 11 years old and who was also flying to New York **by herself**, so we had fun. It was a bit scary when the plane landed, but a nice lady helped us off the plane and we found our suitcases **ourselves**. I had a great time with my grandparents in New York. Flying **by yourself** isn't scary! It's exciting!



Reflexive pronouns

Personal pronoun	Reflexive pronoun
I	myself
you	yourself
he	himself
she	herself
it	itself
we	ourselves
you	yourselves
they	themselves



We use a reflexive pronoun to talk about the subject of a sentence when we want to emphasize who did the action. The reflexive pronoun usually goes after the object.

*I baked the cake **myself**. (I baked it. No one else did.)*

We can use **by** before the reflexive pronoun to say that we did something without help.

*I walked to school **by myself**. (I walked to school alone. No one was with me.)*

We also use a reflexive pronoun after a verb when the subject and the object are the same. We don't use **by**.

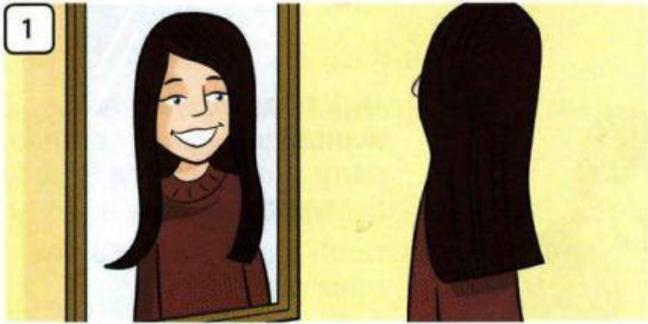
*Did Sally hurt **herself** when she fell?*

7 Circle the correct answers.

- I travelled to London by **myself** / yourself.
- The TV switched **itself** / himself off.
- She's only five, but she wrote the letter by **himself** / herself.
- He never cooks a meal **himself** / herself.
- Did you choose the present **myself** / yourself?
- They travelled into town by **ourselves** / themselves.

8 Complete the sentences. Use the present continuous of the verbs in the box and a reflexive pronoun.

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1 She 's looking at herself.



2 He _____.



3 The two penfriends _____.



4 I _____.



5 She _____.



6 The elephant _____.



7 She _____ Italian.



8 We _____.