

Reported Statements

When we report statements (i.e. a positive or negative sentence), we use the verbs **"say"** or **"tell"** to introduce the statement. Pronouns (I, you, he etc, me, you, him etc , mine, yours, etc) and possessive adjectives (my, your, his etc) change according to the meaning.

Direct speech: *Ed said, "I live in Belfast."*

Reported speech: *Ed said (that) he lived in Belfast.*

- When the introductory verb is in the **past tense**, the verb tenses change as follows:

Direct speech	Reported speech
Present Simple <i>"I want to go out," he said.</i>	Past Simple <i>He said (that) he wanted to go out.</i>
Present Continuous <i>"She is playing in the garden," he said.</i>	Past Continuous <i>He said (that) she was playing in the garden.</i>
Present Perfect <i>"They have bought a new house," he said.</i>	Past Perfect <i>He said (that) they had bought a new house.</i>
Past Simple <i>"He sent me flowers," she said.</i>	Past Perfect <i>She said (that) he had sent her flowers.</i>
Future Simple <i>"I'll order a new fridge," he said.</i>	Conditional (would) <i>He said (that) he would order a new fridge.</i>

Certain words and time expressions change as follows:

Direct speech	Reported speech
• tonight, today, this week/month etc.	⇒ that night, that day, that week/month etc.
• now	⇒ then, at the time
• yesterday, last night/week etc.	⇒ the day before, the previous night/week etc.
• tomorrow, next week/month etc.	⇒ the following/next day, the next/following week/month etc.
• two days/months etc. ago	⇒ two days/months etc. before
• this, these	⇒ that, those

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- 1 Fill in the gaps with the correct *pronouns* or *possessive adjectives*, as in the example.

- 1
 - Kevin said, "I have lost my favourite sweater."
 - Kevin said that ...*he*... had lost ...*his*... favourite sweater.
- 2
 - Lars said, "My brother is going to drive me to the station."
 - Lars said that brother was going to drive to the station.
- 3
 - Aunt Mary said, "I want you to have dinner with me tomorrow night."
 - Aunt Mary said that wanted to have dinner with the following night.
- 4
 - Heidi said, "I'll buy a new sofa for my living-room."
 - Heidi said that would buy a new sofa for living-room.
- 5
 - Sue and Frank said, "We are going to have a barbecue at our cottage next weekend."
 - Sue and Frank said that were going to have a barbecue at cottage, the next weekend.

2 Turn the following direct sentences into reported speech, as in the example.

1 "I'll go to the dentist," she said.

She said (that) she would go to the dentist.

2 "I have lived in Montreal for ten years," she said.

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3 "We are leaving in June," Dad said.

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4 "I forgot to take the dog for a walk," said Annie.

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5 "We have done the washing-up," they said.

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6 "I always wake up early on Mondays," he said.

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7 "The Browns are looking for a new house," she said.

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8 "We bought a flat two months ago," he said to Carol.

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9 "I'll paint the garage next week," he said to Sam.

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10 "I've brought you some flowers," he said to Julie.

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