

Reported Speech Tutorial

Simple Present	→	Simple Past
work(s) – is/am (not) – are – don't/doesn't (play)		worked – was (not) – were (not) – didn't (play)
1. "I work in a car factory," Laura told me. 2. "We don't go to school on Sundays," they said 3. "My sun studies in a high institute," Sara told us		Laura told me..... They said..... Sara said.....
Present Continuous	→	Past Continuous
is – am – are + verb + ing		was – was – were + verb + ing
1. "I'm waiting for the bus," Leila told us 2. "The kids are playing in the garden," Nancy said. 3. "My daughter is getting married in summer,"		Leila told us..... Nancy said..... Sarah revealed.....
Simple Past	→	Past Perfect
was – were – didn't visit - visited		had been – had been – hadn't visited – had visited
1. "The girls helped with the housework," Alice said 2. "We didn't enjoy the show," my friends told me 3. "I didn't have time to chat," Albert told his friend 4. "We scored 6 goals in the match," Messi said. 5. "It didn't rain much in February," a farmer said		Alice told me..... My friends said..... Albert told his friend..... Messi told reporters..... A farmer declared.....
Past Continuous	→	Past Perfect Continuous
was – were + verb + ing		had been + verb + ing
1. "I was expecting the promotion," Peter told us 2. "We were dancing at 98 o'clock," my sisters said 3. "It was raining in the morning," Dad said		Peter told us..... My sisters said..... Dad told us
Present perfect Simple	→	Past Perfect Simple
has – have + verb (past participle)		had + verb (past participle)
1. "I've made a silly mistake," Adel admitted 2. "We haven't finished the project yet," they said 3. "The rain has killed some animals," a farmer said 4. "Our son has graduated from college,"		Adel admitted..... They said..... A farmer told journalists..... My neighbors told me.....
Simple Future	→	Conditional
will – 'll – will not – won't + verb (infinitive)		would – wouldn't + verb (infinitive)
1. "I'll take part in the competition," Janet said. 2. "We won't start the project in May," my friends said 3. "We're going to start the project soon," The investors said		Janet revealed..... My friends told me..... The investors said.....
Modals		
can – has/have to – must – may – shall – need(s)		could – had to – had to – might – should - needed
1. "We can't offer you the credit," the director told the farmers. 2. "I must pay the bills before Saturday," Mike said 3. "You have to answer the questions in class," the teacher told the students. 4. "It may rain in the evening,' grandpa told us.		The director told the farmers..... Mike said..... The teacher told the students..... Grandpa told us.....