

REPORTED SPEECH

Level 9-10. Unit 4. Lesson 1.

Instructions: Complete the second sentence in each pair with the correct form of the verb. Think carefully about whether the tense shifts back or not. Use the information in parentheses, where given, to help you.

Example:

1. "I'm going to the movies with Janine tonight." (reported the same day)

He said he is going to the movies with Janine tonight.

2. "I'll think about it today and let you have my decision tomorrow." (said last week)

He said he _____ about it that day and let me have a decision the next day.

3. "Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius"

He told me that water _____ at 100 degrees Celsius.

4. "I can't remember when I first started swimming."

She told me she couldn't remember when she first _____ swimming.

5. "I study at college." (said yesterday)

She said she _____ at college.

6. "I saw her when she got back from her business trip."

She said she had seen her after she _____ back from her business trip.

Remember that we don't shift the tense back for

- 1) Things that are still true,
- 2) Scientific laws,
- 3) after conjunctions such as when and before.