

REPORTED SPEECH

We use reported speech to tell people what somebody said in the past.

TENSE CHART	DIRECT SPEECH	INDIRECT SPEECH
Present Simple → Past simple	I live in the Usa.	He said he lived in the Usa.
Present continuous → Past continuous.	I am walking .	He said he was walking .
Past simple → Past perfect	I cooked pizza .	He said he had cooked pizza .
Past continuous → Past perfect continuous.	I was watching TV .	He said he had been watching TV .
Present perfect → Past perfect	I have worked .	He said he had worked .
Present perfect cont → Past perfect continuous	I have been studying .	He said he had been studying .
Past perfect -No change	I had washed the car .	He said he had washed the car .
Past perfect cont → No change	I had been sleeping .	He said he had been sleeping .

Modal verbs

WILL-WOULD

I **will** work -He said he **would** work.

CAN-COULD

I **can** sing -He said he **could** sing.

MUST-HAD TO

I **must** work -He said he **had to** work.

MAY-MIGHT

May I help you? -He asked if he **might** help me.

SHALL-SHOULD

What **shall** I do? -He asked what he **should** do.

Time references

DIRECT SPEECH INDIRECT SPEECH

Now

Then

Today

That day

Here

There

This

That

This week

That week

Tomorrow

The following/next day

Next week

The following/next week

Yesterday

The previous day

The day before

Ago

Previously/before

Two days ago

Two days previously/before

Tonight

That night

Last Saturday

The previous Saturday

The Saturday before

Next Saturday

The following Saturday

The Saturday after



Careful → tell and say

TELL + somebody

-Tina told **me** to phone her

-My sister told **us** to go with her.

SAY (that) clause / to sb

-He **said (that)** he was exhausted

