

# REPORTED SPEECH



There are three rules:

- 1) We must use an \_\_\_\_\_. E.g. *the teacher said*
- 2) The **tense** must be used in a \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT SIMPLE	
PAST SIMPLE	
PRESENT PERFECT	
PRESENT CONTINUOUS	
PAST CONTINUOUS	
FUTURE WILL	
IS/AM/ARE GOING TO	
CAN	

- 3) We must change all the place, time and person reference. E.g.

HERE		YOU	
TODAY		THIS	
I		TOMORROW	
WE		YESTERDAY	

STRUCTURES:

SENTENCES: SUBJECT + SAID + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTIONS: SUBJECT + ASKED (+ object) + \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

1) REPORT THE SENTENCES:

- a) "I'm going to Majorca this summer" she told him.
- b) "I'm working for Harry this week" I said.
- c) "I will write you every day" He promised her.
- d) "I'm sorry that I hurt you" he said to her.
- e) "I didn't know about the meeting last week" he told us.
- f) "Mark hasn't spoken to his brother for two years" She said.
- g) "I think you should go to bed early tonight" She said.
- h) "No! I won't lend you \$1000" she said to him.
- i) "You can stay with me tomorrow if you want" she told him.
- j) "I met Julie seven year ago in a party" He explained.

2) DECIDE IF THE FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS. THEN REPORT THEM USING THE VERB 'ASK'

E.g. "When are you going to buy a new car?" Mary asked me → question: Mary asked me when I was going to buy a new car.

- b) "Did you watch the film on TV last night?" he asked me.
- c) "Stand up now" the sergeant said to him.
- d) "Will you help me with the baby please, John?" she said.
- e) "Why have you painted the walls black?" he asked her.
- f) "Don't touch the electric fire" his mother told him.
- g) "Could you open the window, please?" the woman asked.