

REPORTED (OR INDIRECT) SPEECH – USES

-She said she **loved you**



To tell somebody what another person said

-**She told me** (that) she

-**She said** (that) she...



Starting with said/told (+person)

-She said **(that)** she loved you



that is optional

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REPORTED (OR INDIRECT) SPEECH – VERB TENSES

Tense	direct speech	Indirect speech
Present simple	He always wears a jacket	He said (that) she always wore a jacket
Present continuous	I'm living in Granada	He said that he was living in Granada
Past simple	My friend gave me a piece of paper	He said (that) his friend had given him a piece of paper
Past continuous	I was walking along the avenue	He said he had been walking along the avenue
Present perfect	I haven't seen Charles	He said he hadn't seen Charles
Past perfect	I had taken English lesson before	He said he had taken English lesson before
Will	I'll see you later	He said he would see me later
Can	I can speak English	She said (that) she could speak English
may	I may invite them to lunch	She said (that) they might invite them to lunch
must	I must go to the supermarket	She said (that) she had to go to the supermarket
Have to	I have to download the video	She said (that) she had to download the video
Commands*	Buy your tickets here! Don't bring food into the Palace!	He told me to buy my tickets there He told me not to bring food into the Palace

Other notes:

- ✓ Could, should, might... not change*
- ✓ Now: then
- ✓ Today: that day
- ✓ Yesterday: the previous day
- ✓ Last week, month: the previous week, month
- ✓ Tomorrow: the next/following day
- ✓ Next week: the next/following day
- ✓ This: that
- ✓ These: those
- ✓ Here: there

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EXERCISES

Write the sentences in reported speech:

'I know a lot of Spanish pupils'
Charles said he knew a lot of Spanish pupils

1. 'I've moved to a new flat'
John told us that he _____
2. 'I'm going to polish the furniture today'
My father said that he _____
3. 'I don't have my tools here'
He said that he _____
4. I left my husband yesterday
She said she _____

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EXERCISES/TRANSLATION

Write the sentences in direct speech:

He told me he was coming home:

He said: 'I'm coming home'

1. My parents phoned and said they had missed the bus
My parents phoned and said _____
2. My sister said she didn't like English food.
She said: _____
3. My parents said they would see me on Friday
My parents said: _____
4. My friends said they were going to watch TV all night
My friends said: _____

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