Reported speech tutorial 1 – statements

What time is it now? It's .....

To rewrite a sentence in reported speech, you must compare the two situations:
where and when a sentence was said, and who were speaking, and
where and when it was reported in indirect speech, and who were speaking:

RULE 1

Was it said in a different place? →
replace **this, these, here** with **that, those, there**:

They had never been here before. →
She said they had never been there before.

RULE 2

Were the **1st and 2nd person** talking then different from those talking now? →
change the **possessives and personal pronouns** that refer to the **1st and 2nd person**:

I like my English teacher. →
He said he likes his English teacher.

RULE 3

Has enough time passed so that we cannot be sure whether the situation is still the same? →

a) "Move" the tense one step to the past:
am, is, are, have, has → was, were, had
did, made → had done, had made
will → would

b) Change the time expressions:

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I'll start working here tomorrow. →
She said she'd start working there the following day.

Question: What does 'd represent in the example above? .....

EXERCISE 1

Report what Donald Trump said on the 13th of March 2020; write **ONE WORD** in each gap:

1. "Today I am officially declaring a national emergency."

   He said ..... officially ..... a national emergency.

2. "Half a million additional tests will be available early next week."

   He added that half a million additional tests ..... available ..... week.

3. "We don't want everybody taking this test. It's totally unnecessary. This will pass."

   He said ..... everybody ..... test, since ..... totally unnecessary, because .....

4. "Our overriding goal is to stop the spread of this virus."

   He claimed ..... overriding goal ..... the spread of ..... virus.

5. "We want to help all the people in this country who have been impacted by this virus."

   He said ..... all the people in ..... country who ..... by ..... virus.

6. "What we've done is redesign it very quickly with the help of the people around me."

   He said ..... very quickly with the help of the people around .....

EXERCISE 2

Report what Donald Trump said about the World Health Organization on the 6th of April 2020; write **ONE WORD** in each gap:

7. "We're going to put a hold on the money we give to the WHO."

   He said ..... a hold on the money ..... to the WHO.

8. "They've been wrong about a lot of things."

   Trump said ..... wrong about a lot of things.

9. "Maybe now, in the middle of a pandemic is not the time to suspend money for the WHO."

   A journalist objected that maybe ....., in the middle of a pandemic, ... the time ..... money for the WHO.

10. "I'm not saying I'm going to do it, but we're going to look at it."

    Trump concluded ..... , but ..... .

EXERCISE 3

Report what Donald Trump said about a possible vaccine on the 9th of May 2020; write **ONE WORD** in each gap:

11. "This virus is going to go away without a vaccine."

    He said that ..... virus ..... away without a vaccine.

12. "There are some viruses and 'flus that came, the vaccine was never found, and they disappeared."

    He said ..... some viruses and 'flus that ..... , the vaccine ..... never ..... , and ..... .

13. "We expect 95,000 or more will die due to this virus."

    He declared ..... 95,000 or more ..... due to ..... virus.

EXERCISE 4

Report what Donald Trump said about taking hydroxychloroquine on the 19th of May 2020; write **ONE WORD** in each gap:

14. "My evidence is that I get a lot of positive calls about it."

    He said ..... evidence ..... that ..... a lot of positive calls about ..... .

15. "I've been taking it for about a week and a half now, and I'm still here."

    He said ..... about a week and a half, and ..... .

16. "All I can tell you is, so far I seem to be OK."

    He said all ..... , so far ..... OK.

17. "I've heard a lot of good stories about it."

    He said ..... a lot of good stories about it."

When you finish, write the time here: It's .....

How long has it taken you do to this exercise? It has taken me ..... minutes.

Now you can click on Finished!! to see your results.

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