

# Reported Speech



You use the reported speech to .....

DIRECT	REPORTED
Present Simple	
Present Progressive	
Present Perfect	
Past Simple	
Past Progressive	
Past Perfect	
will	
can	
must	

DIRECT	REPORTED
here	
this	
these	
now	
today	
yesterday	
tomorrow	
next week/year/...	
last week/year/...	

✓ **Pronouns need to change as well:**

I = he/she;    me = him/her;    my = his/her;    mine = his, hers;    we = they

✓ **said said said, bla bla bla**

Instead of "SAID that..." you can use other words:

We I He/She/It You	read pointed out heard thought screamed replied	that...
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→ He said that .... & He told SOMEBODY that ...

**People made these statements. Report them, using said.**

a. "Mary works in a bank", Jane said.

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b. "I'm staying with some friends", Jim pointed out.

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c. "I've never been to Russia", Mike screamed.

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d. "Tom can't use a computer", Ella whispered.

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e. "Everybody must try to do their best", Jill said.

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g. "I'll stay at home on Sunday", Bill shouted.

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A fireman said that  
all the children  
had been saved.



All the children  
have been saved.



**Change the following statements into the reported speech.**

a. "I have something to show you", I told her.

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b. "I'm going away tomorrow", he said.

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c. "I've been in London for a month but I haven't had time to visit the Tower", said Rupert.

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d. "I'll come with you as soon as I'm ready", she replied.

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e. "We have a lift but very often it doesn't work", they said.

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f. "I must go to the dentist tomorrow", he whispered.

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g. "I found an old Roman coin in the garden yesterday and I am going to take it to the museum this afternoon", he told me.

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