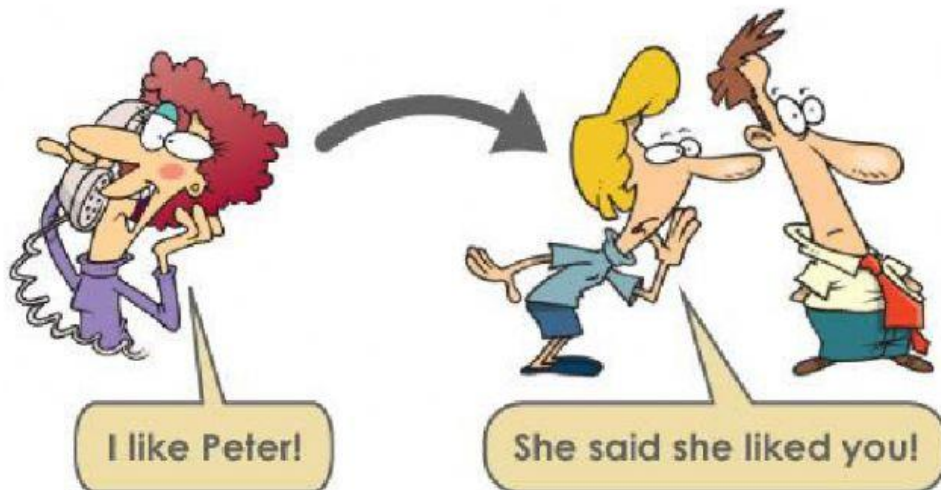


REPORTED SPEECH

You use the reported/indirect speech when you want to report, what another person has said. = retelling



Reporting verbs

Don't always use „say“ or „tell“! Put the correct words (fill in the numbers to the matching German expression) together and learn them:

1	he added	}		<i>er versprach</i>
2	he agreed			<i>er fügte hinzu</i>
3	he explained			<i>er erklärte</i>
4	he mentioned			<i>er erwähnte</i>
5	he pointed out			<i>er erwiderte/antwortete</i>
6	he considered			<i>er fuhr fort/sprach weiter</i>
7	he replied			<i>er fragte</i>
8	he admitted			<i>er stimmte zu</i>
9	he continued			<i>er bedauerte</i>
10	he promised			<i>er hob besonders hervor</i>
11	he regretted			<i>er zog in Betracht</i>
12	he asked if			<i>er gab zu</i>

Changes in reported speech

If you transform a direct speech sentence into reported/indirect speech, there are some changes you must do:

1. Person / personal pronoun

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
I	He, She
You	I, she, he, we they
we	they
me	him, her
you	him, her, us, them
us	them
my	his, her
your	my, his, her, our, their

2. Verb tense

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Present	Past
Past	Past Perfect
Will	Would
Can	Could
May	Might
Must	Had to

3. Time and place expression

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Today	That day
Tonight	That night
Tomorrow	The next day / The following day
Next (week, month,...)	The following (week, month,...)
Ago	Before
Yesterday	The day before / The previous day
Last (week, month,...)	The previous (week, month,...)
Now	Then
Here	There
This	That
These	Those

"My cat doesn't like this cheese today!", Peter told me.

→ He told me that HIS cat DID NOT LIKE THAT cheese THAT DAY.

Transforming direct into reported speech

Janet is in love with Jason. Jason meets a friend and retells what his girlfriend told him:

Remember to change: **PERSON** **VERB** **TIME EXPRESSION**

1 "I **have** always **waited** for a guy like **you!**", Janet said.

2 "I **will** love **you** all **my** life.", she promised.

3 "Your good-night text **last night** **has been** so sweet!", my girlfriend continued.

4 "I **am** so happy that **you** phoned **me yesterday!**", Janet added.

5 "I love your beautiful green eyes."

6 "Yesterday your perfume smelled great!"

7 "I loved the letter you wrote me last week."

8 "Can I call you tonight?"



Report, what Janet said. Use given reporting verbs if given or decide for yourself.

1. Janet said that **she** **had always waited** for a guy like **me!**
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.