Yesterday, Mia told me she was going to a concert on Friday. She mentioned that her favorite band would be performing, and she was really excited about it. Later, she added that she had already bought the tickets and was counting down the days. I asked her if she wanted to meet up before the show, but she replied that she'd be too busy. Mia even suggested that I join her next time!

Recreate the conversation between Mia and Jamie using direct speech:





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How do verbs change in reported speech? Use the text and the conversation in direct speech to help complete the table.

Direct speech	Verb tense	Reported speech (Mia told me…)	Verb tense
"I am going to a concert on Friday."		…she was going to a concert on Friday.	
"My favorite band will be performing."		…her favorite band would be performing.	
"I am really excited about it."		…she was really excited about it.	
"I've already bought the tickets."		…she had already bought the tickets.	
"I'm counting down the days."		…she was counting down the days.	
"I'll be too busy."		…she'd be too busy.	

Using what you know, fill in the rules about reported speech:

Present simple →

Present continuous →

Present perfect →

Will future →

Note: If a direct quote is in the <u>past simple</u> tense, it usually stays that way in reported speech. Alternatively, it can be transformed to the <u>past perfect</u> tense.

Example: "I stayed up all night last night."

- She said she **stayed** up all night last night.
- She said she **had stayed** up all night last night.

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What did they say? Listen to the clips, then transform into reported speech.

"They aren't my friends."

He said…

"She doesn't like chocolate."

She said…

"I had to go to his apartment yesterday."

She said…

"Actually, I'm looking forward to taking these shoes off."

She said…

"I've lived here all my life."

She said…

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