



REPORTED SPEECH!

Let's practice Reported Speech in a traditional way.
However, can you identify when is it really necessary?



We know we can use reported speech when we want to repeat someone's words in an indirect way. However, in the video we can find the flight attendant saying:

"I just talked to the pilot and he said he is going to do his very best to stay in control of the plane"

Why is this not following the rule? Well, this is not grammatically incorrect. This use of the present simple implies that the pilot is scared at the moment the flight attendant is speaking. This is typical in this context where she is announcing something the pilot just said in an ongoing situation.

Look at the following situation:



Why is she using the present simple to "report" her speech?
Where are they? Click on the video and find out!

ASK, TELL AND SAY!

When using reported speech in English, the verbs **ask**, **tell**, and **say** have specific functions depending on the type of statement being reported.

- **Ask** is used for reporting questions or polite requests, often followed by "if", "whether", or a question word. For example: *He asked if I liked coffee.* / *He asked me if I like coffee* is also possible.
- **Tell** is used for giving commands, instructions, or sharing information, and it always includes the listener as an object. For example: *She told me to finish my homework.* Here *She told to finish my homework* is NOT possible.
- **Say** is used for general statements, and the listener is optional. For example: *He said he was tired.*

PRACTICE!

PART 1: Complete the following examples using ASK, TELL and SAY in the correct tense:

1. A journalist _____ if the movie was going to be a hit.
2. The editor _____ the team to submit their articles by 5 PM.
3. The actor _____ he was excited about the premiere.

PART 3: Below are media-related situations. Rewrite them in reported speech using ask, tell, or say appropriately

1. A reporter to a celebrity: "What inspired you to make this film?"

The reporter _____ what had inspired the celebrity to make the film.

2. A producer to the cast: "Remember to rehearse your lines before tomorrow!"

The producer _____ the cast _____ rehearse their lines before the next day.

3. A journalist in an interview: "The documentary raised important questions about technology."

The journalist _____ the documentary had raised important questions about technology.

PART 2: Below are sentences in direct speech. Match them with their reported speech counterparts.

1. Direct Speech:

- a. "Do you think social media affects mental health?"
- b. "Upload the video by 8 PM!"
- c. "The article went viral yesterday."

2. Reported Speech:

1. The producer asked if social media affected mental health.
2. The editor told the team to upload the video by 8 PM.
3. The journalist said the article had gone viral the day before.