

## Shifting Verb Tenses in Reported Speech

### Direct

### Reported

simple present

simple past

simple past

past perfect

present perfect

past perfect

present continuous

past continuous

will

would

can

could

must

had to

## Complete these reported speech sentences.

- 1 'I haven't seen the baby lion,' the boy said.  
The boy said he ..... the baby lion.
- 2 'I'm really enjoying the trip,' Maria said.  
Maria said she ..... really ..... the trip.
- 3 'We will go to the butterfly exhibition next week,' Mum said.  
Mum said we ..... to the butterfly exhibition the following week.
- 4 'Do you want a piece of cake?' Dad asked.  
Dad asked me if I ..... a piece of cake.
- 5 'Have you finished your homework?' my friend asked me.  
My friend asked me whether I ..... my homework.
- 6 'Pick up that litter you just dropped!' the park keeper told the boy.  
The park keeper told the boy ..... the litter he ..... just .....
- 7 'Don't be late tomorrow,' the teacher told us.  
The teacher told us ..... late the next day.
- 8 'You should go on the trip,' my friend said to me.  
My friend persuaded me ..... on the trip.