



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.