

# Reported speech and Reported questions

"Se utilizan para reportar lo que otra persona dijo o preguntó, pero con nuestras palabras, sin citar textualmente."

Para reportar una afirmación, debes usar un verbo como said (dijo) o told (le dijo a alguien), seguido de la oración. Al pasar al inglés, la oración suele retroceder un paso hacia el pasado y cambian los pronombres.

ejemplo: **Estilo directo: "I like pizza"**

**Reported speech: "Mary said that she liked pizza."**

## Regla de los tiempos verbales

Presente simple pasa a pasado simple: eat - ate

Presente continuo pasa a pasado continuo: is eating - was eating

Pasado simple pasa a pasado perfecto: ate - had eaten

Can pasa a could

Will pasa a would

Activity: read and identify the verb tense and then change into reported speech.

1. Verb tense:-----

- Direct Speech: "I eat an apple every day."
- Reported Speech:

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2. Verb tense:-----

- Direct Speech: "My brother is eating pizza."
- Reported Speech:

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3. Verb tense:-----

- Direct Speech: "We ate burgers for dinner yesterday."
- Reported Speech:

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4. Verb tense:-----

- Direct Speech: "I can speak English fluently."
- Reported Speech:

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5. Verb tense:-----

- Direct Speech: "The students will study for the exam."
- Reported Speech:

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Para reportar una pregunta no se utilizan signos de interrogación, se inicia siempre con una frase como "he asked" (él preguntó) "she wanted to know" (ella quería saber) y la estructura cambia al orden normal de una oración afirmativa (sujeto + verbo).

Dependiendo del tipo de pregunta, se hace de dos formas:

### Preguntas con pronombres interrogativos (wh-questions)

ejemplo: Estilo directo: **"Where do you live?"**  
reported question: **"He asked me where I lived."**

### Preguntas de sí o no

Si comienza con un auxiliar de pregunta (do, did, can, is) en el reported question se reemplaza el auxiliar por "if".

Ejemplo: Estilo directo: **"Do you speak English?"**  
Reported question: **"He asked me if I spoke English."**

Activity:

1.
  - Direct question: "Do you eat apples?"
  - Reported question:  
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2.
  - Direct question: "Is your brother eating pizza."
  - Reported question:  
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3.
  - Direct question: "Did you eat burgers yesterday?"
  - Reported question:  
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4.
  - Direct question: "Can you speak English?"
  - Reported question:  
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5.
  - Direct question: "Will the students study for the exam?"
  - Reported question:  
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