

REPORTED SPEECH - 1st part



When we want to report what someone said, we can use **“direct speech”** or **“reported speech”**

DIRECT SPEECH → we give the exact words that the speaker said, and we use quotation marks (“...”)

Charles said, “I met my mum yesterday here”

REPORTED SPEECH → we refer to what a person has said previously. We usually change:

- **Pronouns** I → HE My → HIS
- **Verb tenses** met → HAD MET
- **Times** yesterday → THE PREVIOUS DAY
- **Places** here → THERE

Charles said THAT he had met his mum the previous day there



Statements are usually reported with a past tense verb and an **optional THAT**. All tenses that follow move back into the past.

DIRECT SPEECH VERB	EXAMPLE	INDIRECT SPEECH VERB	EXAMPLE
PRESENT SIMPLE	“I need some help”, she said	PAST SIMPLE	She said that she needed some help
PRESENT CONTINUOUS	“We are doing our homework”, they said	PAST CONTINUOUS	They said that they were doing their homework
PRESENT PERFECT	“I have lost my keys”, John said	PAST PERFECT	He said that he had lost his keys
PAST SIMPLE	He told me “I wrote two letters to her”	PAST SIMPLE/ PAST PERFECT	*He said that he wrote two letters to her *He said that he had written two letters to her
FUTURE SIMPLE (WILL)	“I will visit you”, he said	CONDITIONAL SIMPLE (WOULD)	He said that he would visit me
IS/ARE GOING TO	“I am going to buy a new car”, she said	WAS/WERE GOING TO	She said that she was going to buy a new car
CAN	“I can play the violin”, he said	COULD	He said that he could play the violin
MAY	“We may go by train”, I said	MIGHT	I said that we might go by train
MUST	“We must visit grandma”, he said	HAD TO	He said that we had to visit grandma
HAVE TO	“I have to study Maths”, she said	HAD TO	She said that she had to study Maths

Note - There is no change to; could, would, should, might and ought to



MATCH THE SPEAKER'S WORD TO THEIR CORRESPONDING REPORTED SPEECH STATEMENT

SPEAKER'S WORD

REPORTED SPEECH

"I'm going home", he said

You said that Sally had finished

I tell you "I want to stop"

She said that she didn't like tea

She said "I don't like tea"

You told me that you wanted to stop

You said "Sally has finished"

He said that he was going home



IMPORTANT !!

SAY

SAY + (TO someone) + something

TELL

TELL + someone + something

"I am going home, Sarah"

***I **said to Sarah** that I was going home

***I **told Sarah** I was going home

"I can speak German"

***He **says** he can speak German

*** He **tells me** he can speak German



COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING THE CORRECT FORM OF "SAY" OR "TELL":

1. Could you _____ me how to get to Paris?
2. Do you think she's _____ us the truth?
3. Have you _____ goodbye to everyone?
4. They _____ the plane was going to be late.
5. Did he _____ you that he could play chess?
6. Why didn't you _____ what you wanted?



TIME & PLACE

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
Tonigh	That night
Today	That day
This week / month / year / semester...	That week / month / year / semester...
Now	Then
Yesterday	The day before
Last night / week / month / year / time...	The previous night / week / month / year / time...
Tomorrow	The next day The following day
Next week / month / year...	The next week / month / year... The following week / month / year...
Five days / weeks / years... ago	Five days / weeks / years... before
In five days / weeks / years... time	Five five days / weeks / years... later
Here	There
Come	Go
Bring	Take
These	Those



No changes are made if the reporting takes place at the same time and/or in the same place as the original utterance



PRONOUNS

PERSONAL PRONOUNS			
	Direct Speech	Reported Speech	EXAMPLES
Singular	I / you / he / she / it	He / She / It	He said "I am late" He said that he was late
Plural	We / you / They	They	Lucy said "We are lost" Lucy said that they were lost

I we he
 you they it us
 she her him them I we he
 you they it us you they it us
 she her him them she her him them I we he
 you they it us she her him them

LET'S PRACTICE...



REWRITE EACH SENTENCE IN REPORTED SPEECH:

- a. "My dad told me to study last night", John said → *John said that his dad had told him to study the previous night*
- b. "I saw that film last night", Mr. Smith said → *Mr. Smith said that he had seen that film the previous night*
- c. "I must have a computer to learn English online" →

- d. "I may go to the cinema with Richard next week", Peter said →

- e. "I'm going to Paris tomorrow", Sarah said →

- f. "We haven't spoken to our grandparents for two weeks", they said →

- g. "You need to try it harder", my trainer said →



REWRITE EACH SENTENCE IN DIRECT SPEECH, ENDING AS SHOWN:

- a. Anna told us that she had finished
"I've finished", Anna told us
- b. George said that he would be back at 6.00
"I will be back at 6.00", George said
- c. Helen said that she was going to go shopping
_____ said Helen.
- d. Paul said that he wanted to make a phone call
_____ said Paul.
- e. Tina told the teacher she had forgotten her homework
_____ Tina told the teacher.
- f. David said he had to be back by 3.30
_____ David said.
- g. Jan told me she would let me know
_____ Jan told me.



**UNDERLINE THE ERRORS IN THESE SENTENCES.
REWRITE EACH SENTENCE.**

- a. Sally told that she had lost her keys
Sally said that she had lost her keys
- b. Chris said me that he must leave early
Chris told me that he had to leave early
- c. Steve said us that he was arriving at 8.00

- d. Joe said that he doesn't feel well yesterday

- e. Joanna said that she has phoned her parents yesterday

- f. Laura told to me that she hadn't seen seen her family for a long time because she is studying abroad.

- g. Sue said that she will see you here tomorrow

TO BE CONTINUED...