

# Reported Speech

## Step by Step

### Main Changes

| PERSON PRON (SUBJ)        | PERSON PRON (OBJ)                               | POSSESSIVE DETERM.                 | POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS         |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • I ⇒ he / she            | • me ⇒ him / her                                | • my ⇒ his / her                   | • mine ⇒ his / hers         |
| • you ⇒ I / he / she / we | • you ⇒ me / him / her                          | • your ⇒ my / his / her            | • yours ⇒ mine / his / hers |
| • we ⇒ they               | • us ⇒ them                                     | • our ⇒ their                      | • ours ⇒ theirs             |
| DEMONSTRATIVES            | TIME EXPRESSIONS                                |                                    |                             |
| • this ⇒ that             | • today ⇒ that day                              | • next month ⇒ the following month |                             |
| • these ⇒ those           | • tomorrow ⇒ the following day                  | • last year ⇒ the previous year    |                             |
| -----                     | • yesterday ⇒ the day before / the previous day |                                    |                             |
| • here ⇒ there            |   |                                    |                             |

#### SIMPLE PRESENT – SIMPLE PAST

- am / is (not) ⇒ was (not)
- are (not) ⇒ were (not)
- wash / washes ⇒ washed
- **don't / doesn't** wash ⇒ **didn't** wash
- see / sees ⇒ **saw**
- **don't / doesn't** see ⇒ **didn't** see

1. I am at home. Peter said...
2. We are very happy. They said...
3. Kate isn't here. She said...
4. I watch TV in the bedroom. Tom said...
5. We go by car. Henry said...
6. Mary plays very well. They said...
7. We don't like them. They said...
8. Sam doesn't mind. Tim said...

#### PRESENT CONT. – PAST CONT.

- am / is washing ⇒ was washing
- am not / is not washing ⇒ was not washing
- are washing ⇒ were washing
- are not washing ⇒ were not washing

9. I'm going home. Mary said...
10. John is dancing. They said...
11. Mrs. Roberts isn't coming tonight. She said...
12. We aren't listening. They said...
13. They are writing an email. She said...
14. Kim isn't getting married. He said...

#### SIMPLE PAST – PAST PERFECT

- washed ⇒ had washed
- **didn't** wash ⇒ **hadn't** washed
- saw ⇒ had seen
- **didn't** see ⇒ **hadn't** seen

#### PRESENT PERFECT – PAST PERFECT

- has / have washed ⇒ had washed
- **hasn't / haven't** wash ⇒ **hadn't** washed
- has / have seen ⇒ had seen
- **hasn't / haven't** seen ⇒ **hadn't** seen

15. I washed your t-shirt. She told me...
16. I didn't wash your jeans. She told Tom...
17. You gave me this ring. She told him...
18. We didn't buy anything yesterday. They said...
19. It has been wonderful. He said...
20. I've seen you before. She told Kate...
21. We haven't told them yet. They said...
22. She hasn't arrived. They said...

#### WILL (NOT) – WOULD (NOT) CAN (CANNOT) – COULD (NOT)

23. I will help you with your Maths exercise. Jill told me...
24. I can take you to your favourite restaurant. Paul told Susan...
25. We will buy you a new car. They told us...
26. She cannot come to my party. Mary said...
27. I won't give you my watch. Jim told Steve...
28. We can let you stay with your friends this afternoon. Mum and dad told us...

### IMPERATIVE -TO INFINITIVE.

- wash ⇒ to wash
- don't wash ⇒ not to wash

29. Wash your face. Mum told me...
30. Brush your teeth. Dad told him...
31. Clean your room. She ordered us...
32. Don't talk so loud. Tom told them...
33. Don't touch my things. She told them...
34. Don't tell your mother. She asked me...

### REPORTING QUESTIONS

= questions that begin with a verb: **IF** =

FRASE AFIRMATIVA

FRASE INTERROGATIVA

|      |               |         |               |      |         |
|------|---------------|---------|---------------|------|---------|
| I    | am            | single. | Are           | you  | single? |
| ↓    | ↓             |         | ↓             | ↓    |         |
| sub. | v. s. present |         | v. s. present | sub. |         |

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She asked me **if** I was single.  
 ↓ ↓  
 sub. v. s. past

35. Are you alone? She asked her...
36. Is Mary at home? He asked...
37. Are you Mrs. Clark? He asked me...
38. Are you listening to me? She asked him...
39. Will you write the note? He asked her...
40. Have you bought the tickets? He asked them...
41. Can you drive me? She asked him...
42. Do you like them? He asked her...
43. Did you buy it? He asked me...

### REPORTING QUESTIONS

= questions that begin with an interrogative pronoun =

FRASE AFIRMATIVA

FRASE INTERROGATIVA

|      |               |       |           |               |      |
|------|---------------|-------|-----------|---------------|------|
| I    | am            | Mary. | Who       | are           | you? |
| ↓    | ↓             |       | ↓         | ↓             | ↓    |
| sub. | v. s. present |       | pron. int | v. s. present | sub. |

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She asked me **who** I was.  
 ↓ ↓ ↓  
 pron int sub. v. s. past

Examples:

simple present ⇒ simple past:

What do you do? ⇒ She asked me *what I did*.  
 Where does she study? ⇒ She asked *where she studied*.

present continuous ⇒ past continuous:

When are you leaving? ⇒ She asked him *when he was leaving*.

simple past ⇒ past perfect:

What did you learn? ⇒ She asked him *what he had learned*.

44. Who is she? He asked...
45. What is it? She asked me...
46. Where are you? She asked him...
47. What are you doing? They asked them...
48. What time is she arriving? He asked...
49. When will you stop? She asked him...
50. How can I help you? He asked her...
51. How much do you earn? They asked me...
52. What did you tell her? He asked me...
53. What have you bought? They asked her...

I want to ask my teacher...

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= reported speech = correction=

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28. Mum and dad told us **they could let us stay with our friends that afternoon.**
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30. Dad told him **to brush his teeth.**
31. She ordered us **to clean our room.**
32. Tom told them **not to talk so loud.**
33. She told them **not to touch her things.**
34. She asked me **not to tell her mother.**
35. She asked her **if she was alone.**
36. He asked **if Mary was at home.**
37. He asked me **if I was Mrs Clark.**
38. She asked him **if he was listening to her.**
39. He asked her **if she would write the note.**
40. He asked them **if they had bought the tickets.**
41. She asked him **if he could drive her.**
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