

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

"I'm going home", he said

I tell you "I want to stop"

She said "I don't like tea"

You said "Sally has finished"

## REPORTED SPEECH

You said that Sally had finished

She said that she didn't like tea

You told me that you wanted to stop

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



**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
<b>Singular</b>	<b>I / you / he / she / it</b>	<b>He / She / It</b>	<b>He said "I am late"</b> <b>He said that he was late</b>
<b>Plural</b>	<b>We / you / They</b>	<b>They</b>	<b>Lucy said "We are lost"</b> <b>Lucy said that they were lost</b>

I   we   he  
 you   they   it   us  
 she   her   him   them

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# 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...