

## REPORTED SPEECH

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<b>PRESENT SIMPLE</b> "She studies English", she said.	<b>PAST SIMPLE</b> She said she studied English.
<b>PRESENT CONTINUOUS</b> "She is studying English", she said.	<b>PAST CONTINUOUS</b> She said she was studying English.
<b>PRESENT PERFECT</b> "She has studied English", she said	<b>PAST PERFECT</b> She said she had studied English.
<b>PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS</b> "She has been studying English", she said.	<b>PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS</b> She said she had been studying English.
<b>PAST SIMPLE</b> "She studied English", she said.	<b>PAST PERFECT</b> She said she had studied English.
<b>PAST CONTINUOUS</b> "She was studying English", she said.	<b>PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS</b> She said she had been studying English.
<b>PAST PERFECT</b> "She had studied English", she said.	<b>NO CHANGE</b>
<b>PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS</b> "She had been studying English", she said.	<b>NO CHANGE</b>
<b>FUTURE SIMPLE</b> "She will study English", she said.	<b>CONDITIONAL SIMPLE</b> She said she would study English.
<b>FUTURE CONTINUOUS</b> "She will be studying English", she said.	<b>CONDITIONAL CONTINUOUS</b> She said she would be studying English.
<b>CAN</b> "She can study English", she said.	<b>COULD</b> She said she could study English.
<b>MAY</b> "She may study English", she said.	<b>MIGHT</b> She said she might study English.
<b>MUST /HAVE TO</b> "She must /has to study English", she said.	<b>HAD TO</b> She said she had to study English.

**NO CHANGES:** Some verb tenses used in DS don't change in RS. The "reporting" verb is often in the present tense.

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Reporting a present state of affairs. "The cost of living here is high"	<i>The reporter says/said (that) the cost of living here is high.</i>
Reporting things which are always true. "It's always cold at this time of year."	<i>Mary says (that) it's always cold at this time of year.</i>
Reporting something which we believe will happen. "They're going to sack 300 workers next week."	<i>The union representative said (that) they are going to sack 300 workers next week.</i>
The modals: should, could, might, ought to and used to "You might be mistaken."	<i>She said (that) he might be mistaken.</i>

## CHANGES IN OTHER WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
Now	Then
Today	That day
Tonight	That night
Yesterday	The previous day / the day before
Last week	The previous week / the week before
A month ago	The previous month / the month before
Tomorrow	The following day / the day after / the next day
Next week	The following week / the week after
Here	There
This	That
That	Those

## A) REPORTING STATEMENTS

- **VERB (+ THAT) = say, claim, admit, explain, insist, agree, complain, deny, reply...**

"I'm an art student" = She said (that) she was an art student.

"I don't know you" = He claims (that) he doesn't know her.

"I was lying" = She admitted (that) she had been lying.

"I'm hot" = He explained (that) he was hot.

- **VERB + PRONOUN /NOUN (+THAT) = tell**

"I'm an art student". = She told me (that) she was an art student.

- **VERB + INFINITIVE = offer, refuse, agree, promise...**

"I'll take you to the dance." = He offered to take her to the dance.

- **VERB + FOR + -ING FORM = apologize, thank...**

"I'm sorry I trod on your foot." = She apologized for treading on my foot.

"Thank you for doing the shopping." = He thanked me for doing the shopping.

## B) REPORTING QUESTIONS.

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<b>YES / NO QUESTIONS</b> "Are you tired?" he asked "Do you want a drink?" she asked	<b>ASK + IF/WHETHER + SUBJECT + VERB</b> He asked if/whether I was tired. She asked if I wanted a drink.
<b>WH- QUESTIONS</b> "What do you want?" she asked "Where does he live? They asked "What time is it?" He asked	She asked what I wanted. They asked where he lived. He asked what time it was.

*\*We can use other verbs in REPORTED QUESTIONS:*

-Could you tell me...?      -Do you know...?      -I wonder....    -I doubt...- I want to know..

- C) REPORTED COMMANDS = tell, order + object + to infinitive.**

"Close the door", he said to us                      He told us to close the door.

"Don't lie down", he said to me                      He ordered me **not** to lie down.

- C) REPORTED REQUESTS = ask, beg, ..**

"Can I go out?" he said                      He asked to go out.

"Please, stay with us tonight", he said to her.      He asked / begged her to stay with him that night.

- D) REPORTED SUGGESTIONS = suggest (+-ing) ( "Let's play football", he said =He suggested playing football)**

- E) INVITATIONS = invite ( "Would you like a drink?" = He invited me to a drink)**

- F) PROMISES = promise ( "I'll do my homework" = He promised to do his homework)**

- G) OFFERS= offer ( "Can I help you?" = He offered to help me)**

## REPORTED SPEECH. EXERCISES.

1. "I can't swim very well", I told her.
2. "Mr Mason has gone out", the secretary told me.
3. "I don't want to go swimming", Andrew said.
4. "We're leaving on Friday", we said.
5. "I will be at home", she said.
6. "We may go by train", she told me.
7. "You should see the film", she said.
8. "I must go now", she said.
9. "The population in London is around 9 million", he pointed out.
10. "I spoke to him yesterday", he told me.
11. "He had seen the film before", he said.
12. "The cost of living here is high", they said.
13. "China is a densely populated country", she said.
14. "I didn't understand the meaning of the film", he told me.
15. "I'm going to Spain next week", he said to us.
16. "I will not repeat this again", he said.
17. "Where's the post office?" (Do you know...)
18. "What have you told her? (I wonder...)
19. "Are you going out tonight?" (I want to know...)
20. "Is this correct?" (I doubt...)
21. "Whose car is this?" (I asked...)
22. "Does this train stop at Leeds?" (Could you tell me...)
23. "Please, sir, can I have some more food?" said Oliver.
24. "Go to your room and stay there", said his father.
25. "Don't walk on the grass", the park attendant said to us.
26. "Let's paint the walls blue" said my little brother.
27. "You should phone the police", he said to me.
28. "Would you like something to eat? He asked me
29. "I'll do the dishes", she said.
30. "Can I help you?" the woman said to me.

**REPHRASINGS.**

1. "How much money have you put into the account?" they asked.

They asked.....

2. "I don't know", he told them.

He told the officials.....

3. "What do you mean?" he asked.

He asked.....

4. "What shall I do?" she wondered.

She wondered.....

5. "Don't go near the pool", they warned the children.

They .....

6. "Please, please don't give us any homework", they said to the teacher.

They.....

7. "You should try to find another job", he said to me.

He .....

8. "Can I smoke here?" The man asked.

The man.....

9. "What do you want?" he asked

He .....

**●ASKING POLITELY**

**Imagine you are speaking to a guest in your home. Rephrase the examples below so that they sound more polite.**

1. "No, no! Don't sit there!"

2. "Look where you've parked your car! You can't leave it there!"

3. "Stop dropping ash on the carpet!"

4. "Don't put your cigarette ash in the saucer! Use an ash-tray instead!"

5. "Oh, no! You're not going to talk about that subject again, are you?"

6. "Don't talk so loud."

7. "Don't play that music so loud!"

8. "And don't make nay noise when you leave!"

**●REPORTING DIRECT SPEECH.** All the examples below report something that was said without using the speaker's exact words. What do you think the speaker actually said?

- a) The man asked if he could come in.
- b) Alison invited the man to come in.
- c) She asked him who the dog belonged to.
- d) She politely asked him to leave it outside.
- e) The man asked if he could smoke.
- f) Alison politely asked him not to.
- g) The man told her the music she played in the evenings disturbed him.
- h) She told him she never played it very loud.
- i) He insisted he could hear every note.
- j) She politely suggested that he was exaggerating.

**●Rewrite the following sentences, changing Alison's direct speech into reported speech. Use:**

*She asked him if...*

*She asked /told him not to...*

*She said / suggested / insisted (that)...*

1. Would you mind not smoking, please?
2. What do you want to talk to me about?
3. I never play the music very loud.
4. Are you sure the music is coming from my flat?
5. I think you might be mistaken.
6. I'm sure the music isn't coming from my flat!
7. Would you mind getting the dog off the sofa?
8. Next time you come, would you mind not bringing him with you?
9. I'm terribly sorry but I'm very tired. Could you leave now?