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REPORTED SPEECH

Abstract

Reported Speech is a way how we report what someone has said by changing some of the words said, but retaining the same meaning.

KEY WORDS:

Report, Said, Changing, Retaining, Meaning



- If we report what another person has said, we usually do not use the speaker's exact words (direct speech), but reported speech (indirect).



- When transforming statements, check whether you have to change:
- pronouns
- present tense verbs (3rd person singular)
- place and time expressions
- tenses (backshift)

Reported Speech

What is it? How do you use it?

Yesterday, I saw
my friend Pamela!
She told me that
she got a
promotion!
...today



- **Example**
- **direct speech**
- **“I speak English.”**
- **English.reported speech**
- **He said that he spoke English.**

Backshift of tenses

Simple Present

Simple Past

Simple Past

Present Perfect

Past Perfect

Past Perfect

Will

would

Progressive forms

am/are/is

was/were

was/were

has been

had been

had been

Direct Speech

Simple Present

"She wants an ice-cream"

Present Continuous

"She is singing."

Present Perfect

"He has seen the film."

Past Simple

"He bought a new CD."

Past Continuous

"I was feeding the cat."

Future (Will)

"I will give her the book tomorrow."

Can

"I can dance very well."

May

"She may go to school."

Must

"You must do your homework."

Reported Speech

Simple Past

She said she wanted an ice-cream.

Past Continuous

She said she was singing.

Past Perfect

She said he had seen the film.

Past Perfect

She said he had bought a new CD the day before.

Past Perfect Continuous

He said he had been feeding the cat.

Conditional (Would)

He said he would give her the book the next day.

Could

She said she could dance very well.

Might

He said he might go to school.

Had to

She said he had to do his homework



- Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.
Change pronouns and time expressions where necessary.
- She said, "I am reading."
→ She said that _____
- They said, "We are busy."
→ They said that _____
- He said, "I know a better restaurant."
→ He said that _____
- She said, "I woke up early."
→ She said that _____
- He said, "I will ring her."
→ He said that _____

- They said, "We have just arrived."
→ They said that _____
- He said, "I will clean the car."
→ He said that _____
- She said, "I did not say that."
→ She said that _____
- She said, "I don't know where my shoes are."
→ She said that _____
- He said: "I won't tell anyone."
→ He said that _____



Reported speech

**MULTIPLE
CHOICE GAME
PART 1**



likes

liked

was liking

"I like singing songs
for my friends"



Greg said that he
singing songs for his
friends.

next

is

had been

was



"I am so angry today"

Mark said that he
so angry that day.

next



"I play football
for school team"

Fred said that he
football for school team.

was walking

is walking

walked



"I am walking in the park with Tom"

Peter said that he in the park with Tom.

next

was

likes

liked



"I like skiing in winter"

Samuel said that he skiing in winter.

next

played

had played

was playing



"I played computer games yesterday"

Andrew said that he computer games the day before.

next

was

is

were



"I am so slim"

Tom said that he so slim.

next

was

is

were

"I am so slim"



Tom said that he
so slim.

next

had gone

gone

was going

"I went to the
seaside last summer"



David said that he to the seaside the previous summer.

next

would buy

could buy

buy



"I will buy a new suit in two weeks"

Jack said that he a new suit two weeks after.

next

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