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Abstract

This material can be used for different porpuses such as; reviewing some tenses already checked or as a support for teaching reported speech.



When do we use reported speech???????

Sometimes someone says a sentence, for example "I'm going to the cinema tonight". Later, maybe we want to tell someone else what the first person said.



Here's how it works!!!!!



We use a 'reporting verb' like 'say' or 'tell'

If this verb is in the present tense, it's easy. We just put 'she says' and then the sentence:

Direct speech: "I like ice cream"

Reported speech: She says she likes ice
cream.



Example:

Direct:"I'm playing with my videogame"

Reported: He said she was playing with his videogame.

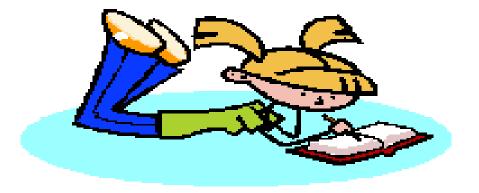
Past tense, then we usually change the tenses in the reported speech:

Direct speech: "I like ice cream"

Reported speech: She said she liked

ice cream.





Tense: Present Simple

Direct:"I like ice cream"

Reported: She said she liked ice cream.

Tense: Present Continuous

Direct:"I am living in London"

Reported speech: She said she was living

in London.

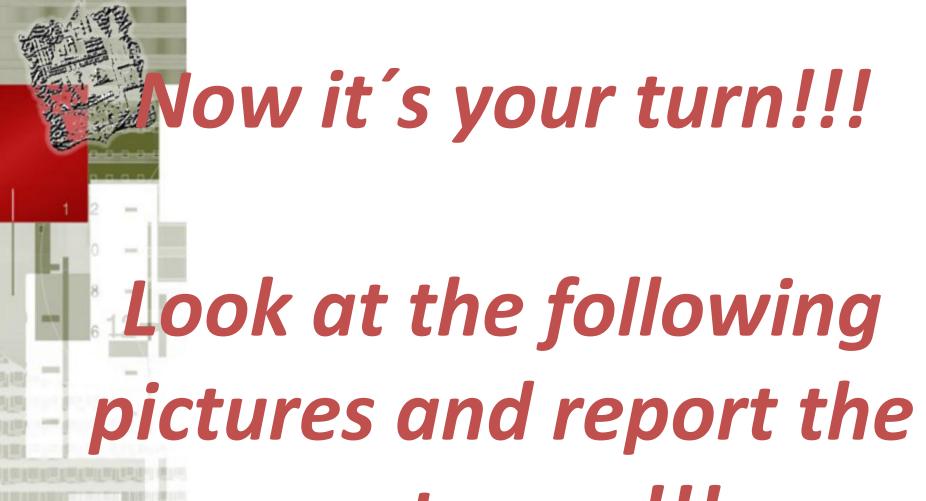
Tense: Future Will

Direct: "I'll see you later" **Reported:** She said she would see me later.

Tense: Can

Direct: "I <u>can</u> speak perfect English" **Reported speech:** She said she <u>could</u>

speak perfect English.



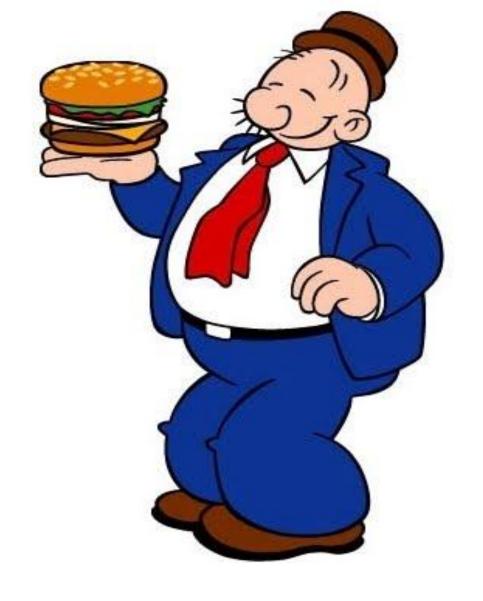
sentences!!!





1. "I don't smoke"





2. "I'm eating a hamburguer"





3. "I play soccer"





4. "I don't eat meat"





5. "We are singing"



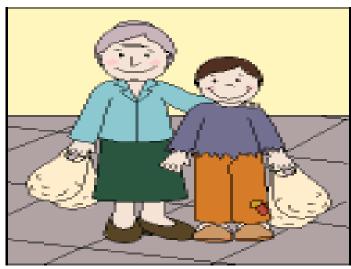


6. "I'm intelligent"

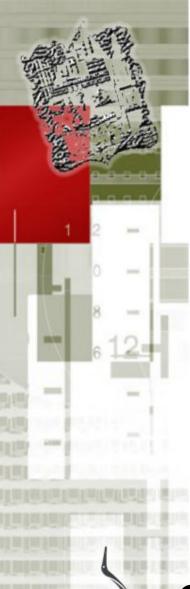


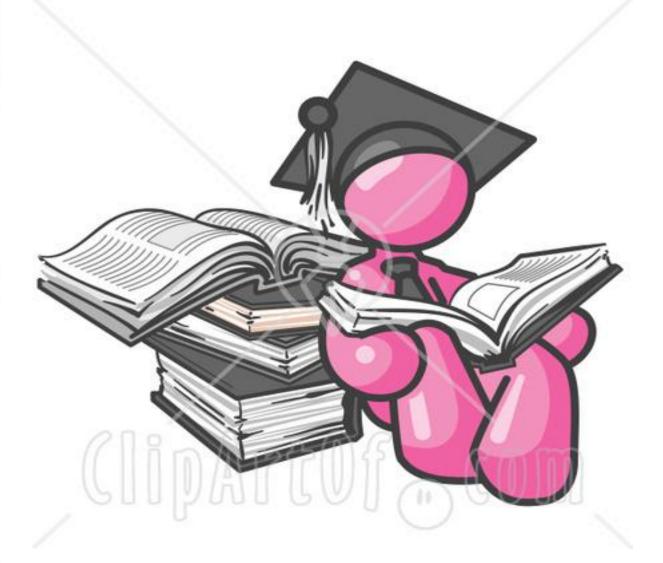






7. "I'm a kind and honest person"





8. "I will read my favorite book tomorrow"





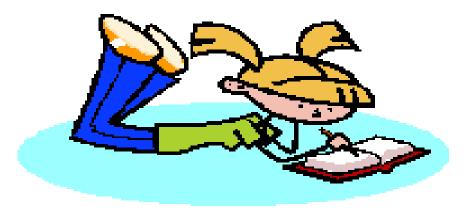
9. "I won't go to Mexico City next weekend"





10. "We can't go the zoo next week"







Answers

- 1. He said he didn't smoke.
- 2. He said he was eating a hamburguer.
 - 3. He said he played soccer.
 - 4. She said she didn't eat meat.
 - 5. They said they were singing.



- 6. He said he was intelligent.
- 7. He said he was a kind and honest person.
- 8. He said he would read his favorite book tomorow.
 - 9. She said she wouldn't go to Mexico City next weekend.
- 10. They said they couldn't go to the superior zoo next week.



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