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Abstract

This material can be used for different purposes 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.
We also may need to change words like “my” and “your”

Example:

Direct: “I´m playing with my videogame”

Reported: He said she was playing with his videogame.
But, if the reporting verb is in the 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.
Here you have more examples!!!
**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 **can** speak perfect English”  
**Reported speech:** She said she **could** speak perfect English.
Now it´s your turn!!!

Look at the following pictures and report the 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”
Let’s check your answers!!!!
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 tomorrow.
9. She said she wouldn’t go to Mexico City next weekend.
10. They said they couldn’t go to the zoo next week.
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