

REPORTED SPEECH

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The next day...

The right sentence is:

I saw Jane yesterday and she told me that **she was travelling to Oxford the next day**

What changes in a sentence in Reported Speech?

1. The verbs

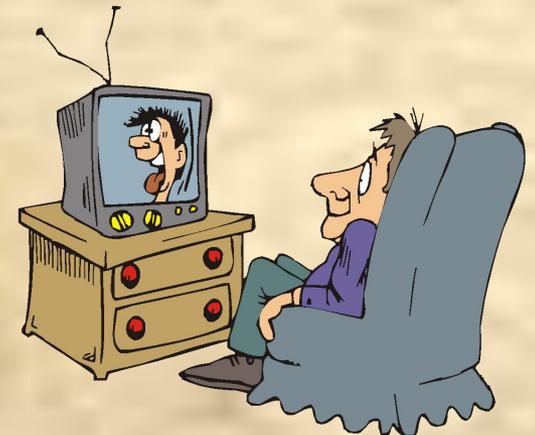
2. The pronouns and possessive adjectives

3. Some adverbs (now and there words)

Example:

I am watching **my** favourite programme **now**

Tom said (that) **he** was watching **his** favourite programme **then**



1. Verb tense changes:

Examples:

2. Pronouns & adjectives changes:

It depends on the person who the message is referred to

Example:

You are stupid!



3. Now and there words:

Some adverbs have to change in order to keep the same meaning.

Example:

Types of sentences:

A. Statements

B. Questions

C. Commands

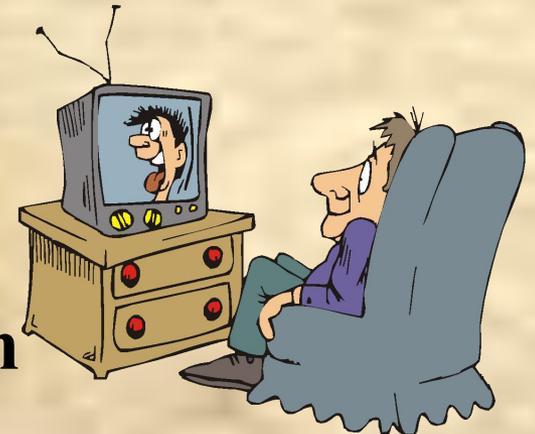
A. In statements, you change verbs, pronouns and adverbs. To introduce the reported sentence you use say or tell.

Example:

‘I am watching tv now’

He said (that) he was watching tv then

He told me (that) he was watching tv then



B. There are two types of questions:

B.1. Information questions (wh questions):

- **Reported questions change the word order**
- **You usually write asked to introduce the reported sentence**

Example:

B.2. Yes/No questions

- **If/whether** is used to introduce reported questions that do not start with *wh words*.

Example:

Kevin asked his
grandfather **if it was windy**
that day

C. Commands

In commands you change the imperative into infinitive

Example:

Paul **told his son to go and do his homework**

Chris **told his mother not to kiss him**

The introductory verb in commands is
told+object