

Reported speech

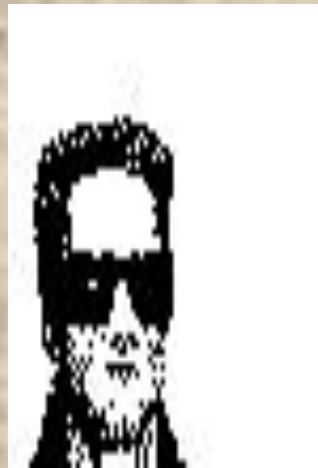
GOALS

1. **Revise the rule about reported speech and practice using it**



DIRECT SPEECH

- **Direct speech** is the exact words someone said with quotation marks.
- He says to you, **'I'll be back!'**



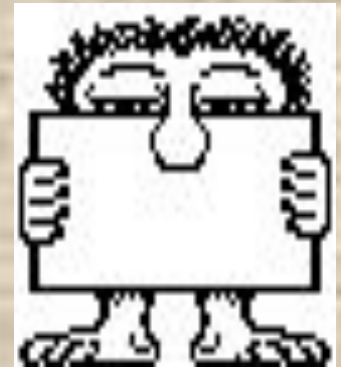
REPORTED SPEECH

- **Reported speech** is the exact meaning of what someone said but not the exact words and without quotation marks.
- He tells you that he will not stop his work
- We can report
- statements,
- questions
- requests, commands, suggestions,



SAY

- We use *say* in **direct** speech and in **reported** speech when there's **no person** the words were spoken to
- I **say**, 'You must understand the rule!'
- Expressions with *say*
- **say** good morning, etc, **say** something, **say** one's prayers, **say** so
- People who believe in God **say** prayers every day.



TELL

- We use *tell* in reported speech when there's a person the words were spoken to.
- I tell you that you must understand the rule
- Expressions with *tell*
- Tell the truth, tell a lie, tell a secret, tell a story, tell the time, tell the difference, tell somebody one's name, tell sb the way tell one from another
- Dishonest people tell a lie instead of telling the truth.



REPORTED STATEMENTS

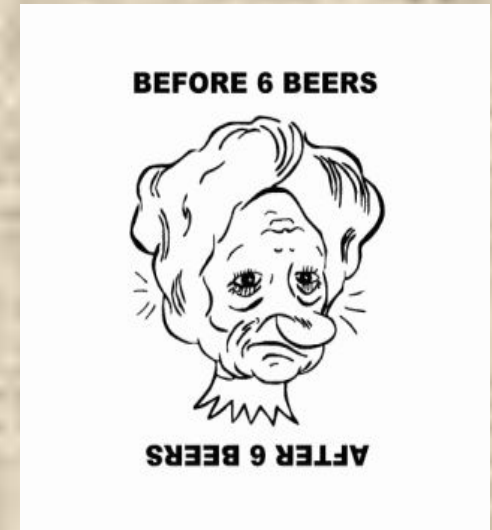


- To report the statements we use a **reporting verb** (say, tell, advise, explain, promise etc,) + a **that clause**. In spoken English we don't use *that*.
- I say to you, 'Reported speech will be in your test!'
- I **promise** you **that** reported speech will be in your test!'

CHANGES

- Pronouns, possessive adjectives and some other words are changed.

this	that
these	those
here	there
come	go



- You say, 'We always bring our pens here'.
- You say that you always bring your pens there.

- When the **reporting verb** is in the **Past** (not Present or Future) the verb **tenses** and **time expressions** are changed.
- I **say now**, 'It **is** difficult to understand!'
- I **say now** that it **is** difficult to understand.
- **But**
- **Yesterday** I **said**, 'It **is** difficult to understand!'
- **The day before** I **said** that it **was** difficult to understand.



Present Simple	Past Simple
Present Continuous	Past Continuous
Present Perfect	Past Perfect
Present Perfect Continuous	Past Perfect Continuous
Past Continuous	Past Perfect Continuous or not changed
Past Simple	Past Perfect or not changed
am/is/are going to	Was/were going to
Conditional I	Conditional II
Future Simple	would + v1



now	then
at the moment	at that moment
today	on that day
yesterday	the day before
last week etc,	the week before, the previous week etc,
tomorrow	the next/following day
next month etc,	the next/ following month, etc,
tonight	that night
this year etc,	that year etc,
now that	since
two days ago etc,	two days before etc,



NO CHANGES

Past Perfect, Past Perfect Continuous

(You said, 'I had done it. You said that you had done it.),

- Conditionals II and III



(We said, 'We would do it if we had time.' We said that we would do it if we had time.),

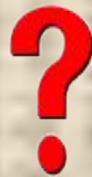
- modals –could, might, should, ought to

(They said, 'We should do our best!' They said that they should do their best.),

- tenses when the statement expresses something that is always true (The professor said, 'The earth goes round the sun'. The professor said that the earth goes round the sun.)

REPORTED QUESTIONS

- In reported questions we use the affirmative word order without auxiliary verbs (do/does, did...) and without a question mark.
- Pronouns, possessive adjectives, tenses, time expressions etc. are changed as in statements.



REPORTED SPECIAL QUESTIONS

- To report a **special (wh-)** question, we use ***ask*** with a **question word**.
- A stranger asked, 'How can I get to these islands?'
- A stranger asked how he can get to that place.



REPORTED GENERAL QUESTIONS

- To report a **general question** (without a question word) we use ask and *if/whether*.
- Your friends asked you **two days ago**, ‘Have you **done this task?**’
- Your friends asked you **two days before** if you **had done that task?**’



REPORTED COMMANDS, REQUESTS, SUGGESTIONS

- To report requests, commands, suggestions we use **a reporting verb** (order, ask, tell, advise, offer, suggest, warn, beg) + someone + (not) to-infinitive
- Your teachers say, 'Learn better, please!'
- Your teachers **ask you to learn better**



REPORTING VERBS

- Admit/deny/suggest/prefer/accuse somebody of/apologise for/boast of/about/complain to somebody of/insist on + **gerund**



- **Promise/offer/refuse/threaten + to do something**



- **Advise/persuade/remind/ask/beg/**
- **command/invite/order/remind/warn + somebody to do something**

