

# Reported Speech

in statements

You want to tell somebody else what Tom said.



You can repeat Tom's words (*direct* speech):

Tom said 'I'm feeling ill.'

Or you can use *reported* speech:

Tom said that he was feeling ill.

# When we use reported speech

and the main verb of the sentence is present

(Tom says that...)

The rest of the sentence is usually present too:

Tom says that he is feeling ill.

# When we use reported speech

and the main verb of the sentence is past

(Tom said that...).

The rest of the sentence is usually past too:

Tom said that he was feeling ill.

# Tense changing

Present Simple

Past Simple

Future Simple

Future-in-the-past (Would + V1)

Past Simple

Past Perfect

Present Perfect

Past Perfect

In general, the Present form in direct speech changes to the Past form in reported speech:

am/is -> was

are -> were

do/does -> did

have/has -> had

shall -> should

will -> would

can -> could

may -> might

must -> had to

# Remember

today -> that day

tonight -> that night

yesterday -> the day before

tomorrow -> the next day

(a week)ago -> (a week) before

last year -> the year before

next year -> the following year

now -> then

here -> there

this -> that

these -> those

# Pronouns changing

Лицо	Личные местоимения	
	Именительный падеж Кто? Что?	Объектный падеж Кого? Что? Кому?
	Единственное число	
1	I	me
2	you	you
3	he /she /it	her / him / it
	Множественное число	
1	we	us
2	you	you
3	they	them



# Put the sentences into the reported speech

1. She says: "I phone my friends every day".

*She says that she phones her friends every day.*

2. She says "I will phone you tomorrow".

*She says that she will phone me tomorrow.*

3. She says: "I phoned you an hour ago".

*She says that she phoned me an hour ago.*

# Put the sentences into the reported speech

1. She said "I phone my friends every day".

She said that she phoned her friends every day.

2. She said: "I will phone you".

She said that she would phone me.

3. She said I phoned you yesterday.

She said that she had phoned me that day.

4. She said I can phone you tomorrow.

She said that she could phone me the next day.

5. He said: "We may go there."

He said that we might go there.

6. He said: "I must leave."

He said that he had to leave.