

Reported statements

You have to change:

- pronouns
- **tenses (backshift)**
- place and time expressions

Present Simple

Past Simple



He said: "**I speak** English."

He said, "**I am** happy."

He said that **he spoke** English.

He said that **he was** happy.

1. They said, "We are busy." They said that _____
2. He said, "I know a better restaurant." He said that _____
3. She said, "It is very quiet here." She said _____
4. He said, "I come here every day." He said that _____
5. She said, "I don't know where my shoes are." She _____
6. They said, "This is our book." They said _____

She said that...

1. “They never arrive on time”.
2. “We often meet friends in London at the weekend”.
3. “I don’t go to the gym very often”.
4. “Lucy owns three flats in the city”.
5. “I am a nurse and work in a hospital.”

Present Continuous



Past Continuous

She said, "I ***am finishing*** my work."

They said, "We ***aren't fighting!***"

She said that she ***was finishing*** her work.

They said that they ***were not fighting.***

1. She said, "I am reading." She said that _____
2. He said, "I am writing a test." He said _____
3. Susan: "I'm watching TV." Susan said that _____
4. Richard: "I am going to ride a skateboard." Richard said _____
5. Mum: "She's talking on the telephone". My mum said that _____
6. He said, "I'm listening to my new CD". He said that _____

She said that...

1. “I’m taking the train to Berlin”.
2. “She is never coming back”.
3. “I’m not meeting Julie”.
4. “We aren't renting a flat”.
5. “They are visiting the museum”

Future Simple



Future in the Past (Conditional)

She said: "I **will go** to the cinema later."

They said: "She **will be** late."

She said that she **would go** to the cinema later.

They said that she **would be** late.

1. Mum: "Lucy will definitely come." _____
2. He: "I will stop smoking on Tuesday." _____
3. I: "John won't do it." _____
4. She: "It won't rain I'm sure." _____
5. Teacher: "That girl will never pass the exam." _____
6. They: "It will be cold tonight." _____
7. He: "Jenny will cook dinner." _____

She said that...

1. “We will get married next year.”.
2. “I won't be able to afford a new car.”.
3. “She’ll attend the meeting.”.
4. “Richard won't drink coffee.”.
5. “I won't vote at the next election.”.

Past Simple



Past Perfect

He said, "Jane **left** the party early."

Sam: "She **didn't buy** the dress."

He said that Jane **had left** the party early.

Sam said that she **hadn't bought** the dress.

1. She said: "Jane left the party early." _____
2. Mary said: "They visited Japan." _____
3. I said: "He met his girlfriend in a café." _____
4. They said: "She forgot to bring the CDs." _____
5. Dad said: "He didn't take a shower." _____
6. Teacher: "John never studied German." _____
7. I: "I didn't like the food in the restaurant." _____

She said that...

1. “We ate Chinese food, then we walked home.”.
2. “We went to Paris for the weekend.”.
3. “The plane left at seven.”.
4. “I came to London in 2004.”.
5. “Lucy didn't go to university.”.

Present Perfect



Past Perfect

She said: "I've never **been** to Brazil."

He said: "I **haven't seen** Julie for ages."

She said that she **had** never **been** to Brazil.

He said that he **hadn't seen** Julie.

1. Teacher: "He hasn't been to school this week." _____
2. He: "I've never tried skateboarding." _____
3. She: "Mr Black has written three books." _____
4. Doctor: "He has eaten too much chocolate." _____
5. Mum: "Lucy has drunk six cups of coffee today." _____
6. Lucy: "She has never swum in the sea." _____
7. I: "I haven't met Richard before." _____

She said that...

1. “He has read ‘War and Peace’.”.
2. “We haven't seen ‘The Lord of the Rings’.”.
3. “They've eaten in a lot of different restaurants.”.
4. “Mr Black has written three books.”.
5. “It hasn't rained much this year.”.

Past Continuous



Past Perfect Continuous

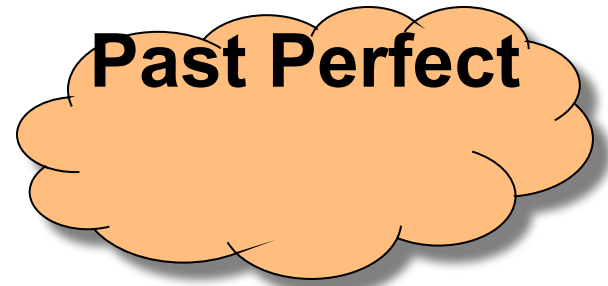
He said: "We **were going** down the street."

He said that they **had been going** down the street.

1. He: "They were watching TV!" He said that _____
2. She: "I was doing my homework." _____
3. We: "We weren't playing computer games!" _____

She said that ...

1. “We were discussing the project.”
2. “It was raining when I came out.”
3. “I was waiting for you at the bus stop.”
4. “You weren’t listening to me!”
5. “My mum and I were cooking dinner.”



Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Present Simple (V₁)	Past Simple
Present Continuous	Past Continuous
Past Simple	Past Perfect
Present Perfect	
Past Perfect	
Past Continuous	Past Perfect Continuous
Present Perfect Continuous	
Past Perfect Continuous	
Future I (going to)	was / were going to
Future I (will)	Conditional I (would)
Conditional I (would)	

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
today	that day
now	then
yesterday	the day before
... days ago	... days before
last week	the week before
next year	the following year
tomorrow	the next day / the following day
here	there
this	that
these	those