



DIRECT AND REPORTED SPEECH

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DIRECT SPEECH is the exact words someone said.

“I like coffee,” she said.

REPORTED SPEECH is the exact meaning of what someone said, but not the exact words.

She said (that) she liked coffee.

TENSE CHANGES IN REPORTED SPEECH



play	→	played
is playing	→	was playing
will play	→	would play
have played	→	had played
played	→	had played/ played
have been playing	→	had been playing
was playing	→	had been playing/ was playing



SAY-TELL

SAY

is used in direct and reported speech.

- "I like coffee," she said.
- *She said (that) she liked coffee.*

TELL

is used in reported speech.

- "I like coffee," she said to me.
- *She told me (that) she liked coffee.*

"I`m leaving tomorrow,"
he said to me.

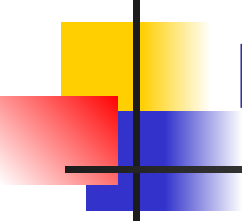


*He told me (that)
he was leaving the next day.*




“Don` t take my glass!”,
she said angrily.

She told not to take her glass.



“Are you a Roman?” the fat man asked the professor.

The fat man asked the professor if he was a Roman.



“What do you think of Antony and Jane`s friendship?” the fat man asked the professor.

The fat man asked the professor what he thought of Antony and Jane`s friendship.