

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.