

Reported Speech

in statements

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.

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 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.

Put these statements into Reported Speech.

- 1) 'I can't swim very well', I said.
- 2) Andrew said: 'I don't want to go swimming'.
- 3) 'I'll phone you later', Sarah said.
- 4) Annie said: 'I'm hungry'.
- 5) I told him: 'I don't like tea'.
- 6) Olaf said: 'My father does a lot of business with England'.
- 7) The woman said: 'I will pay you two pounds'.
- 8) She said to Lilian: 'You can come with me'.
- 9) He said: 'I don't think it will be interesting'.
- 10) My friend told me: 'You can go there for a year'.
- 11) She said: 'Nothing will make me do it'.
- 12) Mike said: 'My friend is a painter'.
- 13) She said: 'I am good at painting'.
- 14) 'I will have lunch on Saturday', he said.
- 15) The teacher said: 'I will give you a new task on Reported Speech'.

Reporting special questions

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
" <u>What</u> did you do yesterday?"	Tell me <u>what</u> you had done yesterday.
" <u>When</u> will you come home?"	Tell me <u>when</u> you would come home.
" <u>Who</u> won the game?"	Tell me <u>who</u> had won the game.

Special questions

Read the sentences and write them in the indirect form.

1. Nancy asked her mother, "What is the weather going to be, rainy or sunny?"
2. The teacher asked her class, "Who will take part in the competition?"
3. Mary asked her friend, "What did you do during your winter holidays?"
4. Lucy asked her new friend, "When were you born?"
5. The tourist asked a policeman, "How can I get to the centre of the city?"
6. Wife asked her husband, "When will you come home from work?"
7. The mother asked her children, "Who will help me to lay the table?"

General questions

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
<p><i>"<u>Will</u> the weather <u>be</u> fine tomorrow?"</i></p>	<p>Tell me if <u>the weather would be fine the following day.</u></p>
<p><i>"<u>Did</u> you <u>have</u> <u>tea</u> or coffee for breakfast?"</i></p>	<p>Tell me whether <u>you had had tea or coffee for breakfast.</u></p>

General questions

- 1. Kate asked her little brother, "Have you washed your face and hands, Jimmy?"
- 2. The mother asked her daughter, "Do you want to have tea, Dolly?"
- 3. The man asked a policeman, "Shall I turn to the right or to the left to get to the museum, officer?"
- 4. Robert asked his friend, "Is the wind strong?"
- 5. Ann asked her grandmother, "Will you take me to my Aunt, Granny?"

Reporting imperative sentences

- ‘Press the red button!’
 - ▶ He told me **to press** the red button.

- ‘Don’t answer the phone now!’
 - ▶ He asked me **not to answer** the phone then.

Read the sentences and turn them in the indirect form:

- 1. Mrs. Roberts said, "Look after your sister, Ann."
- 2. The parents said to their little daughter, "Don't cross the street when the light is red."
- 3. The teacher said, "Please, hand in your exercise-book."
- 4. The boy said to his friend, "Come to see me on Sunday, will you?"
- 5. The mother said to her son, "Write down a list of the things you will have to buy."
- 6. The teacher said, "Go on reading, Ann."