

# REPORTED SPEECH

RULES & EXERCISES

# WHAT IS REPORTED SPEECH?

When you 'report' what someone else has said\* to you

\*reported speech verbs: *said, explained, told, suggested, recommended, asked, etc.*

Direct/normal sentence: Mike: 'I like your hat!'

Indirect/reported speech: Mike said that he liked your hat.



# HOW TO TURN DIRECT SENTENCES INTO INDIRECT SENTENCES

*'I will always help you!' said Whitney.*

*Whitney said that she would always help you.*

Start with the subject + reported speech verb + that

Change the subject according to the speaker:

I ☐ she

Put the verb in the correct past tense:

will help ☐ would help



# QUESTIONS

Meg: 'Do you know how to get to the station?'

Meg asked if I knew how to get to the station.

Start with the subject + asked + if/whether

Change the subject according to the speaker:

you ☐ I (he/she...)

Put the verb in the correct past tense:

do ... know ☐ knew



# QUESTIONS WITH QUESTION WORDS

Questionwords: who, what, where, when, why, which, how

Trish: 'Paul, where do you live?'

Trish asked Paul where he lived.

Trish asked where Paul lived.

'What's for dinner tonight?' asked Jaime.

Jaime asked what was for dinner that night.\*



# IMPERATIVES

Imperative: повелительное наклонение  
Don't talk! Listen! Do your work! Sit down!

John: 'Bruto, sit down!'

John told Bruto to sit down.

How?: told + person + to + infinitive



# REQUESTS

Request: просьба

Ann: 'Could you close the window, please?'

Ann asked me to close the window.

How?: asked + person + to + infinitive



# TENSES CHANGE

Present simple	Past simple
Present Continuous	Past continuous
Present Perfect	Past perfect
Past simple	Past Perfect
Past Continuous	Past Perfect Continuous
Past Perfect	Past Perfect
Future will	would
can	could



# TIME CHANGE

here	there
now	then
Today/tonight	That day/that night
yesterday	The day before
Tomorrow	The following day
Last month	The month before