

# REPORTED SPEECH





# Statements and questions

## How the verb changes:

Main sentence	Direct speech	Reported speech
He <b>said</b> that he	writes wrote is writing will write was writing has written had written can must mustn't may	wrote had written was writing would write was writing/ had been writing had written had written could had to mustn't might

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After *said* do not use a person or object pronoun.

Gary said that he wanted to have a rest.

~~Gary said me that he~~

Gary said to me that he wanted to have a rest

After *told* always use a person or a pronoun.

Gary told me that he wanted to have a rest.

~~Gary told that he wanted~~





# How time and place words can change

Direct	Reported
now	then
here	there
this/ those	that/ those
today	that day
tomorrow	(the) next day, the following day
yesterday	the day before, the previous day
next week	the next week, the following week
last week	the previous week
last year	the year before



# Questions

- The word order in reported questions is straight.

wh-question use <i>question word</i>	yes/ no question use <i>if</i> or <i>whether</i>
<p><b>“When do you usually get up?”</b> He asked me <b>when</b> I usually hot up.</p> <p><b>“Why are you crying?”</b> She asked the child <b>why</b> he was crying.</p>	<p><b>“Is Peter happy?”</b> Ann asked <b>if</b> Peter was happy.</p> <p><b>“Have you eaten your ice-cream?”</b> Mother asked him <b>whether</b> he had eaten his ice-cream.</p>



# Commands

Don't use **said**.

Use **told** or **asked**.

To report imperative use **infinitive**.

“**Come** here” - She **told** him **to come** there.

“**Don't smoke** here” – We **told** him **not to smoke** there.

“ Could you help me?” – He **asked** me **to help** him.