

Reported Speech



Direct speech gives the exact words someone said. We use inverted commas in Direct Speech.

"It's a nice song," he said



Reported speech gives the exact meaning of what someone said but not the exact words.

We don't use invented commas in Reported speech

He said (that) it was a nice song.



- When the introductory verb is in the past simple, the verb tenses change as follows:

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Present Simple <i>'I want to find a better job,' he said.</i>	Past Simple <i>He said he wanted to find a better job.</i>
Present Continuous <i>'They're playing table tennis,' he said.</i>	Past Continuous <i>He said they were playing table tennis.</i>
Present Perfect <i>'I've ordered a new fridge,' she said.</i>	Past Perfect <i>She said she had ordered a new fridge.</i>
Past Simple <i>'Jack left the country,' they said.</i>	Past Perfect <i>They said Jack had left the country.</i>
Future (will) <i>'I'll send you a letter,' he said.</i>	Conditional (would) <i>He said he would send me a letter.</i>

- Certain words and time expressions change as follows:

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
tonight, today, this week/month/year, etc.	that night, that day, that week/month/year, etc.
now	then, at that time, at once, immediately
yesterday, last night/week/month/year, etc.	the day before/the previous day, the previous night/week/month/year, etc., the night/week/month/year, etc. before
tomorrow, next week/month/year, etc.	the day after/the following /next day, the next/following week/month/year, etc.
two days/months/years, etc. ago	two days/months/years etc. before
this, these	that, those/the/some
here	there
come	go

Time expressions

- TOMORROW → THE FOLLOWING DAY
- YESTERDAY → THE DAY BEFORE
- TODAY → THIS DAY
- THERE → HERE
- THIS → THAT

What changes in a sentence in Reported Speech?

1. The verbs

2. The pronouns and possessive adjectives

3. Some adverbs (now and there words)

Example:

I am watching my favourite programme now

Tom said (that) he was watching his favourite programme then



- *Will* → *would*
- *Can* → *could*
- *Shall* → *should*
- *Have to* → *had to*
- *Must* → *ought to*
- *May* → *might*

PRACTISE

- Bima : "I didn't take your bag"
 - Tya : "What did he said?"
 - Dika : He said that.....
-
- HE SAID THAT HE HADN'T TAKEN MY BAG

PRACTISE

- Bima : "I didn't see you"
- Tya : "What did he said?"
- Dika : He said that.....
- HE SAID THAT HE HADN'T SEEN ME

- Dika : I must see your sister now.

- Tya : What did you say?

- Bima : He said

- HE SAID THAT HE OUGHT TO
SEE MY SISTER THEN

Coursebook Page 100

exercise 10-11