

GRAMMAR: The Reported Speech



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"I <u>like</u> ice cream."	He said (that) he <u>liked</u> ice cream.
"I <u>am listening</u> to music <u>now</u> ."	He said (that) he <u>was listening</u> to music <u>then</u> .
"I <u>bought</u> a car <u>last week</u> ."	He said (that) he <u>had bought</u> a car <u>the week before</u> .
"I <u>was watching</u> a movie <u>yesterday</u> ."	He said (that) he <u>had been watching</u> a movie <u>the day before</u> .
"I <u>haven't seen</u> Julie."	He said (that) he <u>hadn't seen</u> Julie.
"I <u>had taken</u> English lessons <u>before</u> ."	He said (that) he <u>had taken</u> English lessons before.

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"I'll <u>come next week</u> ."	She said (that) she <u>would come the following week</u> .
"I <u>can speak</u> English."	She said (that) she <u>could speak</u> English.
"I <u>may come</u> later."	She said (that) she <u>might come</u> later.
"I <u>must study</u> for the exam."	She said (that) she <u>had to study</u> for the exam.
"I <u>could swim</u> when I was four."	She said (that) she <u>could swim</u> when she was four.
"I <u>should call</u> my mother."	She said (that) she <u>should call</u> her mother
"I <u>might</u> be late."	She said (that) she <u>might</u> be late.
"I <u>would help</u> , but.."	She said (that) she <u>would help</u> but...

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Reported Speech with the imperative (commands)

Direct Order	Reported Order
"Go to bed!"	He told me <u>to go</u> to bed.
"Don't worry!"	He told me <u>not to worry</u> .
"Be on time!"	He told me <u>to be</u> on time.
"Don't smoke!"	He told me <u>not to smoke</u> .

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Reported Speech with Wh-Questions

Direct Question	Reported Question
"Where is the post office, please?"	She asked me <u>where the post office was.</u>
"What are you doing?"	She asked me <u>what I was doing.</u>
"Who is that person?"	She asked me <u>who that person was.</u>

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Reported Speech with Yes/No-Questions

Direct Question	Reported Question
"Do you like chocolate?"	He asked me <u>if I liked chocolate.</u>
"Have you ever been to Mexico?"	She asked me <u>if I had ever been to Mexico.</u>
"Are you listening to me?"	She asked me <u>if I was listening to her.</u>

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Direct Speech - Simple Present	Reported Speech - Simple Past
am/is/are	was/were
play/plays	played
write/writes	wrote
don't/doesn't go	didn't go

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Direct Speech - Simple Past	Reported Speech - Past Perfect
was/were	had been
played	had played
wrote	had written
didn't write	hadn't written

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**Direct Speech -
Present Continuous**

am/is/are playing

**Reported Speech -
Past Continuous**

was/were playing

**Direct Speech -
Present Perfect**

have/has played

**Reported Speech -
Past Perfect**

had played

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Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Simple present	Simple past
Present continuous	Past continuous
Simple past	Past perfect
Past continuous	Past perfect continuous
Present perfect	Past perfect
Present perfect continuous	Past perfect continuous
Past perfect	Past perfect
Past perfect continuous	Past perfect continuous
Imperative	to + verb / not to + verb

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will	would
must	had to
have to	had to
may	might
can	could
should	should
could	could
might	might
would	would

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today	that day
now	then
yesterday	the day before
... days ago	... days before
last week	the week before
next year	the following year
tomorrow	the following day
here	there
this	that
these	those

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Pronouns & Possessive Adjectives

Direct Speech

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I

he/she

we

they

my

his/her

our

their

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Reporting Verbs

say (said)

statements

ask (asked)

questions

tell (told)

imperatives

More Reporting Verbs

informed
declared
stated out
advised
suggested
promised
wanted to know

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Complete the sentences with the reported speech.

1. John said, "I love this town."

John said _____.

2. "Do you like soccer?" He asked me.

He asked me _____.

3. "I can't drive a car," he said.

He said _____.

4. "Be nice to your brother," he said.

He asked me _____.

5. "Don't be nasty," he said.

He told me _____.

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John said he loved that town.

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He asked me if I liked soccer.

3. "I can't drive a car," he said.

He said he couldn't drive a car.

4. "Be nice to your brother," he said.

He asked me to be nice to my brother.

5. "Don't be nasty," he said.

He told me not to be nasty.

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1. "Don't waste your money," she said.

She told the boys _____.

2. "What have you decided to do?" she asked him.

She asked him _____.

3. "I always wake up early," he said.

He said _____.

4. "You should revise your lessons," he said.

He advised the students _____.

5. "Where have you been?" he asked me.

He wanted to know _____.

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She told the boys not to waste their money.

2. "What have you decided to do?" she asked him.

She asked him what he had decided to do.

3. "I always wake up early," he said.

He said he always woke up early. / he would wake up early.

4. "You should revise your lessons," he said.

He advised the students to revise their lessons.

5. "Where have you been?" he asked me.

He wanted to know where I had been.