

How to change direct speech into
reported one

ONE TENSE BACK

Present Simple □ Past Simple

‘I love you.’

He said...

- He said (that) he **loved** her.
- Past Simple □ Past Perfect

‘I met a girl’

- He told me

- He told me (that) he **had met** a girl.

- Will would

‘I’ll phone you.’

He told me ...

- He told me (that) he **would** phone me.
- Present Perfect □ Past Perfect
‘I’ve broken my leg.’

He said....

- He said (that) **he had broken** his leg.
- Can Could

‘I can help you.’

He said

- He said (that) he **could** help me.

How to make reported
questions?

‘Do you want to dance?’

He asked...

He asked her **if she wanted** to dance.

- Add *if* (or *whether*)
- one tense back
- don't use *do/did*
- change the word order to *subject + verb*
‘Are you a student?’

He asked her

- He asked her **if she was** a student.

‘Have you seen the film?’

She asked....

- She asked him **if he had seen** the film.

‘What do you want?’

He asked....

- He asked me **what I wanted.**

‘Where do you live?’

He asked....

TRY THESE!

He asked her **where she lived.**

1. 'I'm tired.' She said that she...
2. 'I don't like rock music.' He told her
3. 'I'll book a table.' He said...
4. 'I've bought a new car.' Paul told us
5. 'I live in the city centre.' She said

CHECK YOURSELF!

1. She said she **was tired**.
2. He told her he **didn't like** rock music.
3. He said that he **would book** the table.
4. Paul told us that he **had bought** a new car.
5. She said that she **lived** in the city centre.

Try some more!

6. 'I saw the film.' Julie said that...
7. 'Do you like football?' He asked me
8. 'What music do you like?' I asked her...
9. 'Are you tired?' She asked me...
10. 'Have you been to New York? I asked them...

Check yourself!

6. Julie said that she **had seen** the film.
7. Mike asked me if I **liked** football.
8. I asked her **what** music she **liked**.
9. She asked me **if I was** tired.
10. I asked them **if they had been** to New York.

TRY!

11. ‘Where did you live before?’

12. ‘Can you swim?’

13. ‘Where are you from?’

Try the imperative!

14. ‘Close the door.’ She asked me...

15. The teacher : ‘Don’t run!’

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11. He asked me **where I had lived** before.
12. She asked him **if he could swim**.
13. I asked him **where he was** from.
14. She **asked me to close** the door.
15. The teacher **asked** the children **not to run**.

The end