



REPORTED SPEECH

Compare the sentences:

Mary says: “I like cats”

Mary said: “I like cats”



Mary says: “I like cats” →

Mary says that she likes cats.

Mary said: “I like cats” →

Mary said that she liked cats.

am/is ----- **was**

She said: “Pete **is** reading”.

She said that Pete **was** reading.

are --- **were**

Tom said: “They **are** friends”

Tom said that they **were** friends.

Have/has ----- **had**

I said to Dolly: “Bob **has got** a dog”.

I told Dolly Bob **had got** a dog.

Can --- could

Bob said to Fred: “I **can't** swim”.

Bob told Fred he **couldn't** swim.

do/does----did

I said: “ It **doesn't** snow here”.

I said that it **didn't** snow here.

V play ----V2 (ed) played

Mary said to Harry: “We **play** basketball in the gym”.

Mary told Harry they **played** basketball in the gym.

Said or told?

1. Kate _____ she had many pets at home.
2. Sam _____ me that Robert didn't like porridge.
3. Mother _____ her son to go to the dentist.
4. My cousin _____ he could ski well.
5. She _____ us her knowledge of French was good.

Change the sentences into indirect speech.

1. “I am going to play chess”

Tom said that _____ to play chess.

2. “I have 5 lessons on Monday”.

Mary said that _____ on Monday.

3. “We can speak three languages”.

They said that _____ three languages.

4. “I do my homework in the afternoon”.

Bill said that _____ homework in the afternoon.

5. “I like to play the piano”.

The girl said that _____ the piano.

6. “I go there with my friend”.

David said that _____ friend.

7. “We don’t know her name”.

They said that _____ her name.

8. “I don’t understand the joke.”

She said that _____ the joke.

9. “We are cleaning our classroom”.

**The boys said that _____
classroom.**