

Reporting the past



PRESENT SIMPLE → PAST SIMPLE

“I **want** to
study
Psychology.”

She said (that)
she **wanted**
to study
Psychology.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS → PAST CONTINUOUS

“We **are**
having
lunch.”

They said
(that) they
were having
lunch.

PRESENT PERFECT → PAST PERFECT

“I **have
cleaned** my
suit.”

She said
(that) she
had cleaned
her suit.

**PAST SIMPLE →
PAST SIMPLE OR PAST
PERFECT**

I **did** the
shopping.

He said (that)
she
did/had done
the shopping.

**PAST CONTINUOUS →
PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS
OR PAST CONTINUOUS**

She **was
reading** a
magazine.

She said
(that) she
**was/had
been
reading**
a magazine

FUTURE SIMPLE → FUTURE IN THE PAST

I **will have** a
party at
7.00.

She said
(that) she
would have
a party at
7.00.

Changing certain words

- **TODAY**
- **YESTERDAY**
- **TOMORROW**
- **THIS WEEK**
- **LAST WEEK**
- **NEXT WEEK**
- **AGO**
- **HERE**
- **THAT DAY**
- **THE DAY BEFORE, THE PREVIOUS DAY**
- **NEXT DAY**
- **THAT WEEK**
- **THE WEEK BEFORE**
- **THE WEEK AFTER, THE FOLLOWING WEEK**
- **BEFORE**
- **THERE**

REPORTED ORDERS

- **Do your homework!**
- Mom asked me to do my homework.
- **Don't change your tickets!**
- Mom asked me not to change my tickets.

REPORTED QUESTIONS

- **What are you doing?**
- He asked me what I was doing.
- **Are you OK?**
- He asked me if/whether I was OK.

I love Chris

A week ago...

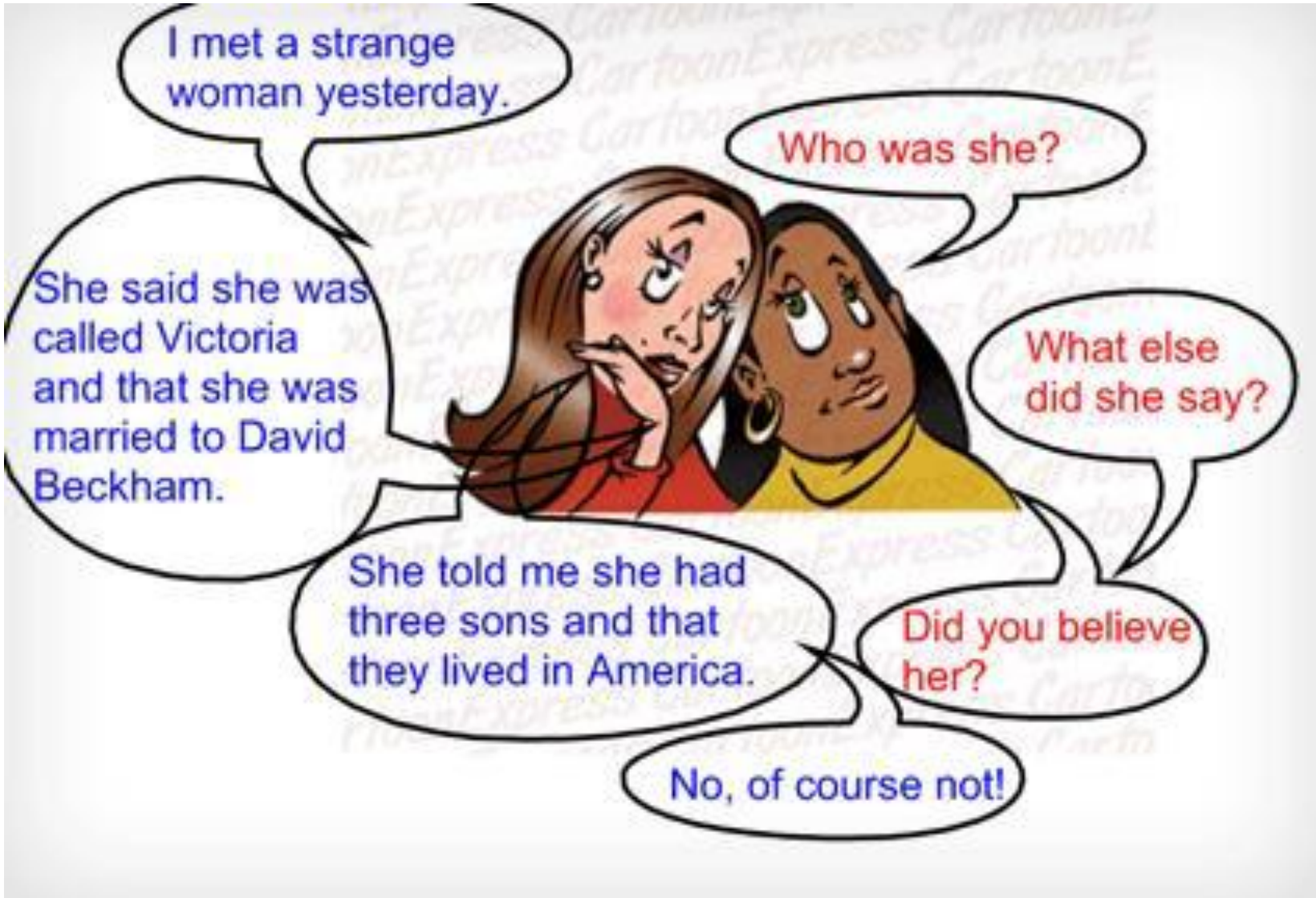


I love Dave.

... one week later



But last week you said that you loved Chris!!!



I met a strange woman yesterday.

Who was she?

She said she was called Victoria and that she was married to David Beckham.

What else did she say?

She told me she had three sons and that they lived in America.

Did you believe her?

No, of course not!