

Reported Speech



Commands Statements



Commands and Requests

Subject + asked told + object + to Inf(Action)

ordered
warned
advised
offered
begged

Not to + inf

**He told me
not to stand
up.**

He said to me, "Stand up!"



He told me to stand up.

Reported Statements

Don't forget to change the verb tenses!

- Present Simple
- Past Simple
- Present Continuous
- Past Continuous
- Present Perfect
- Past Perfect
- Past Simple
- Past Perfect
- Future
- Conditional

said to smb
|
told smb

He said

every day"

He

every day.

Change Time expressions

- Today, tonight, this week
- That day, that night, that week
- Now
- Then, at that time, at once, immediately
- Yesterday, last night/week
- The day before, the previous night/week
- Tomorrow, next week/month/year
- The day after, the following day, the next week
- Two days/years ago
- Two days/years before

Change Certain Words

- This
- That
- These
- Those
- Here
- There
- Come
- go

Change Modal Verbs

- Can
- Could
- May
- Might
- Must
- Had to

Turn from Direct into Reported Speech

- Robert said, 'This film is funny'.
- Robert said (that) the film was funny.
- 'I'm starting a new job next week,' she said.
- She said she was starting a new job the following week.
- Bob said to mum, 'I don't like this jacket'.
- Bob told mum he didn't like that jacket.
- He said to her, 'Close the door, please'.
- He asked her to close the door.
- 'I may be late today,' she said.
- She said she might be late that day.

Well done!

Test yourself

1. 'I got my exam results last week,' he said.
2. 'I can't afford to buy this dress,' she said to her friend.
3. She said, 'Give me this book, please.'
4. 'I won't be late again,' he said.
5. 'We must go home now,' they said to us.
6. 'There is too much violence on TV,' said dad.
7. 'I'm going to a party tonight,' she said.
8. 'This is a very good book,' he said to me.
9. 'Don't do it again!' he said to her.
10. 'I've never done it,' she said.

Check yourself

1. He said he had got his exam results the week before.
2. She told her friend she couldn't afford to buy that dress.
3. She asked to give her that book.
4. He said he wouldn't be late again.
5. They told us they had to go home at that moment.
6. Dad said there was too much violence on TV.
7. She said she was going to a party that night.
8. He told me that was a very good book.
9. He told her not to do it again.
10. She said she had never done it.

Well done!