

# Reported Speech

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## Direct speech

Direct speech is the exact words someone said. To show the direct speech we put the words said in quotation marks.

*"I'll go to London," she said.*

## Reported speech

Reported speech is the exact meaning of what someone said but not the exact words. We do not use quotation marks in Reported speech.

*She said she would go to London.*

## When the reporting verb is in the past, the verb tenses change as follows:

	Simple	Continuous	Perfect	Perfect Continuous
Present	V/Vs	am/is/are V <sub>ing</sub>	have/has V <sub>3</sub>	have/has been V <sub>ing</sub>
Past	V <sub>2</sub>	was/were V <sub>ing</sub>	had V <sub>3</sub>	had been V <sub>ing</sub>
Future	will V	will be V <sub>ing</sub>	will have V <sub>3</sub>	will have been V <sub>ing</sub>
Future-i n-the-pa st	would V	would be V <sub>ing</sub>	would have V <sub>3</sub>	would have been V <sub>ing</sub>



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### Statements

*He said, "I'll lend you my laptop."*

*He said (**that**) he would lend me his laptop.*

### Wh-Questions

*He said, "Where did they stay?"*

*He wanted to know/wondered where they had stayed.*

### Yes-No Questions

*He said to me, "Have you got a bike?"*

*He asked me **if / whether** I had a bike.*

### Commands/Requests/Suggestions

*He said to me, "Come with me."*

*He said to me, "Don't lie to me."*

*He said "Let's go out."*

*He asked me **to go** with him.*

*He told me **not to lie** to him.*

*He suggested going out.*

**Time words change as follows depending on the time reference:**

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- **tonight, today, this week / month / year**
- **now**
- **yesterday, last night / week / month / year**
- **tomorrow, next week / month / year**
- **two days / months / years, etc. ago**
- **this / these**
- **here**
- **come**

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- **that night, that day, that week / month / year**
- **then, at that time, immediately**
- **the day before, the previous night / week / month / year**
- **the following day / the day after, the following / next week / month / year**
- **two days / months / years, etc. before**
- **that / those**
- **there**
- **go**