



Reported Speech



Direct speech

She says, "The lessons begin at 9 o'clock."

Она говорит: «Занятия начинаются в 9 часов».

Reported speech

She says **that** the lessons begin at 9 o'clock.

Она говорит, что занятия начинаются в 9 часов.



Direct to Reported Speech

1. Pronouns

She said, "**I** will buy a dress." – Она сказала: «Я куплю платье».

She said that **she** would buy a dress. – Она сказала, что купит платье.

2. Tenses (if the reporting verb belongs to the Past tense)

a) She **says**, "I **am watching** a movie".



She says that she **is watching** a movie.

b) He **said**, "I **am playing** football".



He said that he **was playing** football.



Tense Changes

1. Present Simple □ Past Simple

Ex. Ann said, "I **watch** a match."

Ann said that she **watched** a match.

2. Present Continuous □ Past Continuous

Ex. Mother said, "I **am cooking** the dinner."

Mother said that she **was cooking** the dinner.

3. Past Simple □ Past Perfect

Ex. He said, "I **bought** two tickets."

He said that he **had bought** two tickets.

4. Present Perfect □ Past Perfect

Ex. She said, "I **have worked** hard."

She said that she **had worked** hard.

Change this direct speech into reported speech

1. "I work in a bank"

She said that _____

2. "We went to the theatre"

She told me that _____

3. "I'm coming!"

She said that _____

4. "I am waiting for the bus"

She told me that _____

5. "I like my cat."

She said that _____

6. "He played football"

She told me that _____

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
today	that day
now	then
tonight	that night
last (week)	the (week) before / the previous (week)
yesterday	the day before
next year	the following year
tomorrow	the next day / the following day
here	there
this	that
these	those
ago	before

Change this direct speech into reported speech

1. Helen: "I wrote a letter yesterday."

Helen told me _____

2. Alice: "I spent all my pocket money on Monday."

Alice complained _____

3. Lisa: "Tim went to the stadium an hour ago."

Lisa said _____

4. Jason and Victoria: "We will do our best in the exams."

Jason and Victoria told me _____

5. David: "John has already gone here."

David said _____

6. Patricia: "My mother celebrates her birthday today."

Patricia said _____

Reporting verbs

to say something/to somebody

to tell somebody something

to explain

to ask

to wonder

to shout

to want to know

Reported Questions

In **reported questions**, the subject comes before the verb/auxiliary verb. While reporting **questions**, we have to use an appropriate reporting verb like ask.

WH-questions

We introduce reported question-word questions with **ask + question word**:

Direct	Indirect
Where does he live?	He <u>asks</u> where he <u>lives</u> .
Where do you live?	He <u>asked</u> me where I <u>lived</u> .

- Note that the reported question has no auxiliary "do".
- As with reported statements, we may need to change **pronouns** and **tense** as well as **time** in reported questions.

YES/NO questions

We introduce reported YES/NO questions with **ask + if**:

Direct	Indirect
Do you like coffee?	She <u>asks</u> if I <u>like</u> coffee.
Are you cold?	She <u>asked</u> me if I <u>was</u> cold.

- Note that the reported question has no auxiliary "do".
- As with reported statements, we may need to change **pronouns** and **tense** as well as **time** in reported questions.

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1. Simon: "Do you want to drive?"

Simon asked me _____

2. Susan: "When did you arrive?"

Susan wanted to know _____

3. Mark: "Has John left?"

Mark asked me _____

4. Sean: "Where does Petra live?"

Sean asked me _____

5. Jake: "Did you watch the match?"

Jake asked me _____

6. Monica: "Can I help you?"

Monica wanted to know _____

7. Helena: "Will Max join us?"

Helena asked me _____