



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Direct Speech</b>	<b>Reported Speech</b>
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.

## Change this direct speech into reported speech

**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 \_\_\_\_\_