

Reported Speech



How to Write Reported Speech

Step 1:

Remove
quotation marks

Step 2:

Change the
pronoun

Step 3:

Change the tense
to past tense

Step 4:

Remember to
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and place words
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as well

The Difference between Reported Speech and Direct Speech

Step 1:
Remove
quotation marks

Direct Speech Example:
She said, "I like ice cream."



Reported Speech Example:
She said that she liked ice cream.

For direct speech, we need to include what is being said inside **quotation marks**, like this
" — "

For reported speech, we need to remember to not have any **quotation marks**!



Pronoun Changes in Reported Speech

Step 2:
Change
the pronoun

In reported speech, the pronoun changes.

- I → he/she,
- my → his/her,
- me → him/he
- We → they
- our → their
- Us → them

Eg: He said, "I am going for a run."



He said that **he** was going for a run.



Step 3:

Change the tense to past tense

Changes in verb tenses happen in reported speech.

- present → past, past → past perfect
- Example
 - like → liked
 - liked → had liked
 - has, have → had
 - is, are → was, were
 - was, were → had been

Eg: He said, "My teacher likes books."



He said that his teacher liked books.



Step 4:

Remember to change the time and place words in your sentence to be past tense as well

Changes in time and place words happen in reported speech.

- here → there
- today → that day
- now → then
- tomorrow → the next day
- yesterday → the previous day
- this → that
- these → those

Eg: She said, "I am going to put my keys down **here**."



She said that she **was** going to put her keys down **there**.



Let's Practise!

Choose the correct **reported speech**:

Direct: "I am reading a book."

- a) He said that he reads a book.
- b) He said that he was reading a book.
- c) He said that he read a book.



Let's Practise!

Choose the correct **reported speech**:

Direct: "They are my friends."

- a) He said they were his friends.
- b) He said they are his friends.
- c) He said they is his friends.



Let's Practise!

Choose the correct **reported speech**:

Direct: He said, "She likes chocolate."

- a) He said that she likes chocolate.
- b) He said that she liked chocolate.
- c) He said that she like chocolate.



Let's Practise!

Choose the correct **reported speech**:

Direct: They said, "We can visit the museum."

- a) They said they can visit the museum.
- b) They said they visits the museum.
- c) They said they could visit the museum.



Let's Practise!

Choose the correct **reported speech**:

Direct: She said, "I will call you later."

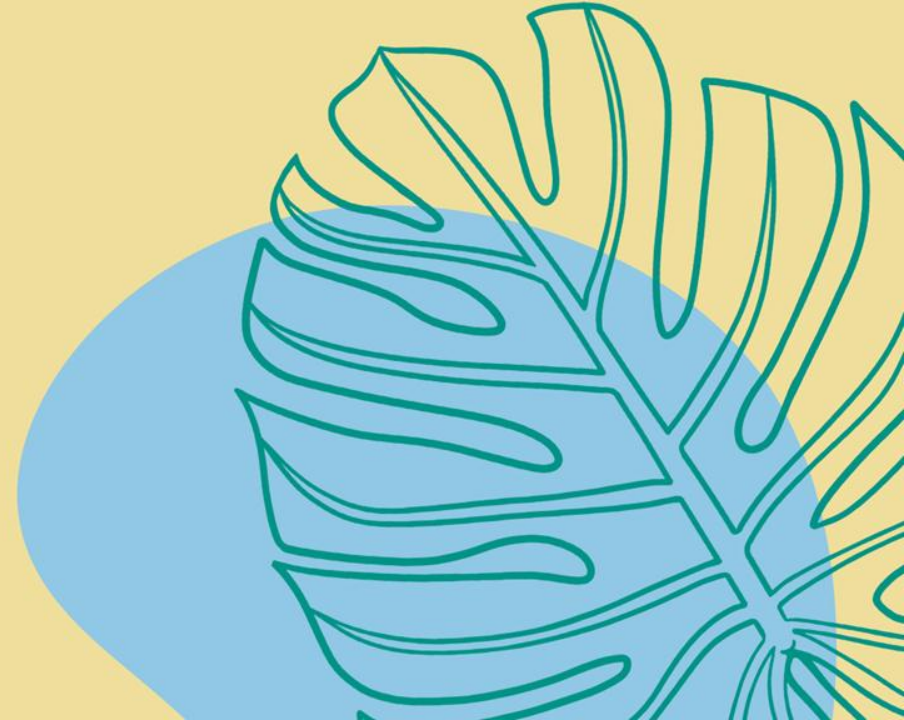
- a) She said she will call me later.
- b) She said she would call me later.
- c) She said she calls me later.



Unscramble the Sentence:

told / that / homework / finish / you / your / she / should/ you

Answer: **She told you that you should finish your homework.**



Unscramble the Sentence:

movie / wanted / to / watch / she / the / .

Answer: **She wanted to watch the movie.**



Unscramble the Sentence:

school / to / going / said/ he / that / he/ was / .

Answer: **He said that he was going to school.**



Create Your Own Reported Speech

Direct: "I have never been to London," she said.

Answer: **She said that she had never been to London.**



Create Your Own Reported Speech

Direct: He said, "I really love chocolate!"

Answer: **He said that he really loved chocolate.**



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