

EX. SHE SAID, "I ^{PRESENT} AM TIRED." ← DIRECT SPEECH

SHE SAID THAT SHE WAS TIRED. ← REPORTED SPEECH

HE SAID, "I ^{PAST} HAVE SEEN SNOW." ← DIRECT

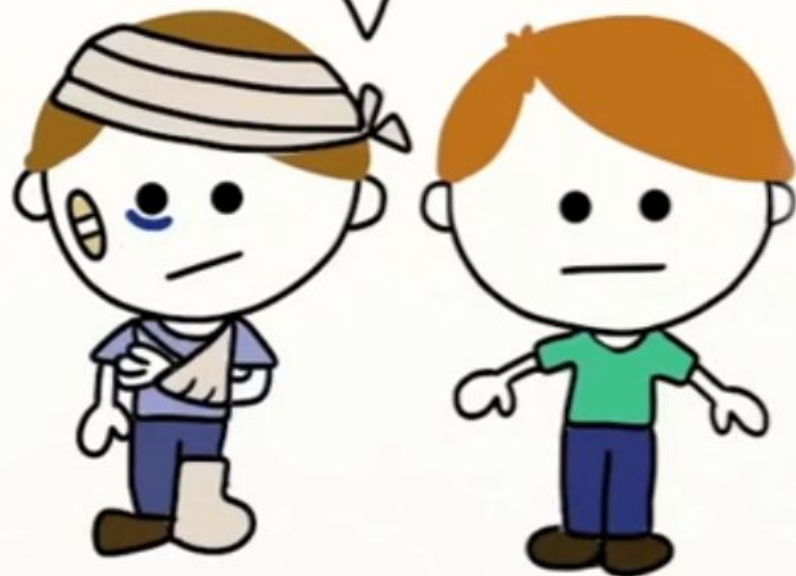
HE SAID THAT HE HAD SEEN SNOW. ← REPORTED

THE CHILDREN SAID, "WE ^{PAST PERFECT} ARE LISTENING." ← DIRECT

THE CHILDREN SAID THAT THEY WERE LISTENING. ← REPORTED

I FELL
DOWN THE
STAIRS.

PAST
TENSE

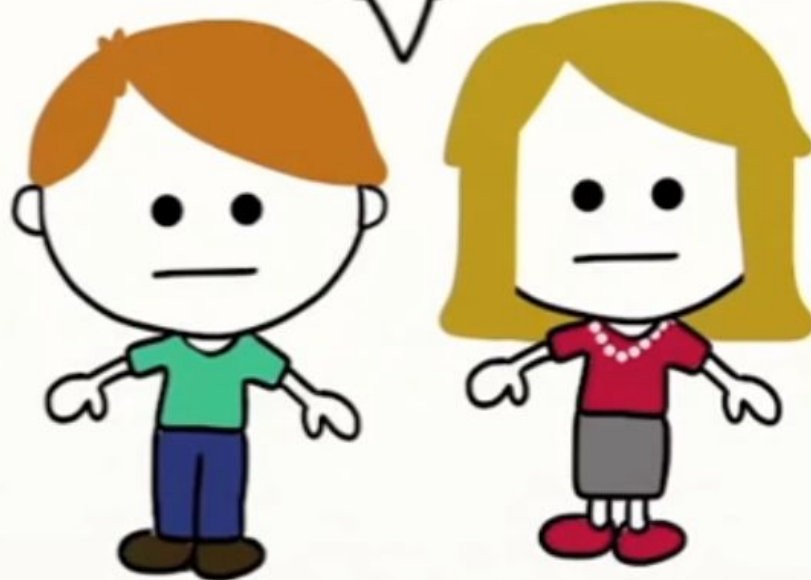


Saturday night

HE SAID THAT
~~HE~~ HAD FALLEN
DOWN THE
STAIRS.

OR FELL

PAST
PERFECT



Sunday

I HAVE A
SECRET. I REALLY
LIKE THOMAS. ♡

PRESENT
TENSE



Katie

PAST
TENSE

HI THOMAS!
KATIE TOLD ME THAT
SHE LIKED YOU.



WHEN CHANGING DIRECT SPEECH TO
REPORTED SPEECH, WE OFTEN NEED
TO CHANGE THE TIME.

✦ TOMORROW → THE NEXT DAY

NEXT (WEEK) → THE FOLLOWING (WEEK)

YESTERDAY → THE DAY BEFORE = THE
PREVIOUS DAY

LAST (WEEK) → THE (WEEK) BEFORE = THE
PREVIOUS (WEEK)

I WILL
CALL YOU
TOMORROW!

WILL → WOULD
TOMORROW →
THE NEXT DAY

HE SAID THAT
HE WOULD CALL ME
THE NEXT DAY,
BUT HE
DIDN'T
CALL!



Friday night

... the following Tuesday

IT ISN'T ALWAYS NECESSARY TO CHANGE
THE TENSE IF SOMETHING IS STILL TRUE NOW.

DIRECT SPEECH

DIANE SAID, "I AM A TEACHER."

REPORTED SPEECH

DIANE SAID THAT SHE IS A TEACHER.

← THIS IS STILL TRUE!