

Grammar Study:

Reported Speech



We use the Reported speech:

- When we are telling someone what another person said or thought, but do not use their exact words.

For example

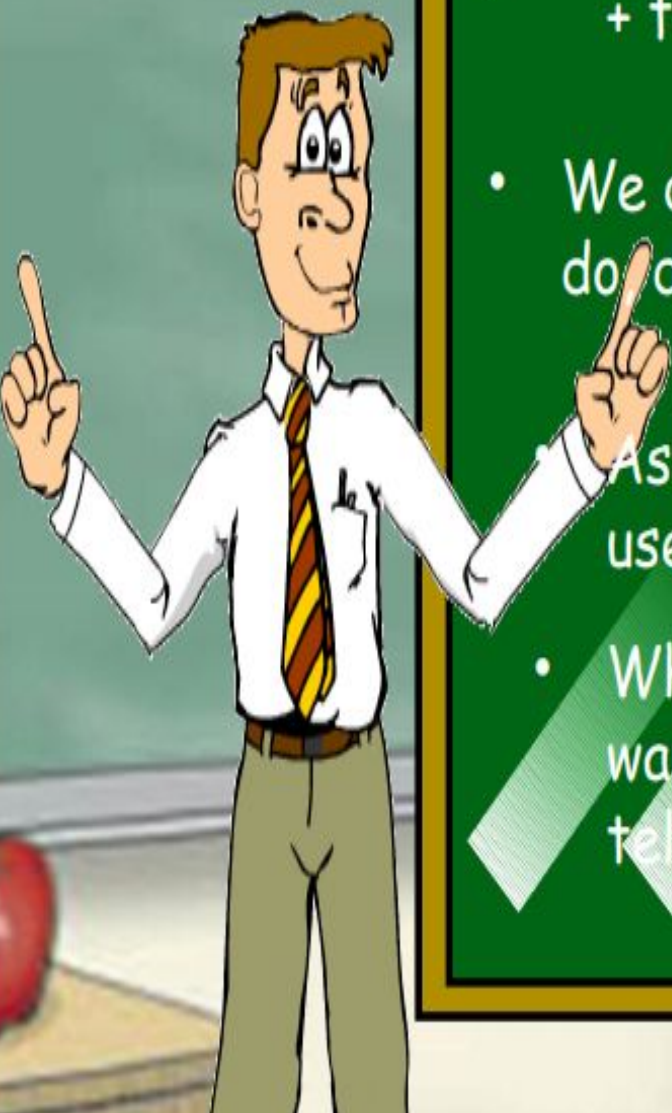
Mark **said that he wanted** to live in London.



Please, note that:

- Quotation marks are not used in reported speech.
- Verb tenses, pronouns and some "time" and "place" words may change because the time, place and speaker may be different.
- When we report a statement, we use reported verbs such as say, tell, explain, inform, answer, decide, etc. often followed by that.





- In reported -wh questions, we use the wh- word + the subject + the verb.
- We do not use the interrogative form of the verb - do, does or did.
- As it is an indirect question no question marks are used
- When we report requests, orders, advice or warnings we use verbs such as advice, ask, beg, tell, order, etc, followed by an infinitive.

Verb tense changes:

Direct speech

Reported speech

- Present simple → • Past simple
- Past Simple → • Past Perfect
- Present continuous → • Past continuous
- Present perfect → • Past perfect
- Present perfect continuous → • Past perfect continuous
- Future → • Conditional



Place changes

Direct speech

Reported speech

here



there

This place



• That place



Time changes

Direct speech

Reported speech

- now

Today / tonight

- This morning

yesterday

- Tomorrow

- Last month



- then



- That day / that night



- That morning



- The day before



- The following day



- The month before



Personal Pronouns changes

Direct speech

Reported speech

• I



• He, she

you



• I, she, he, we, they

we



• they

Me



Him, her

• You



• Him, her, us, them

• Us



• them



Possessive Pronouns changes

Direct speech

Reported speech

my



• His, her

your



• My, his, her, our, their

our



• their

mine



His, hers

yours



• Mine, his, hers, ours, theirs

ours



Mine, his, hers, ours,
theirs,





***Thank you
for your attention!***