

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*

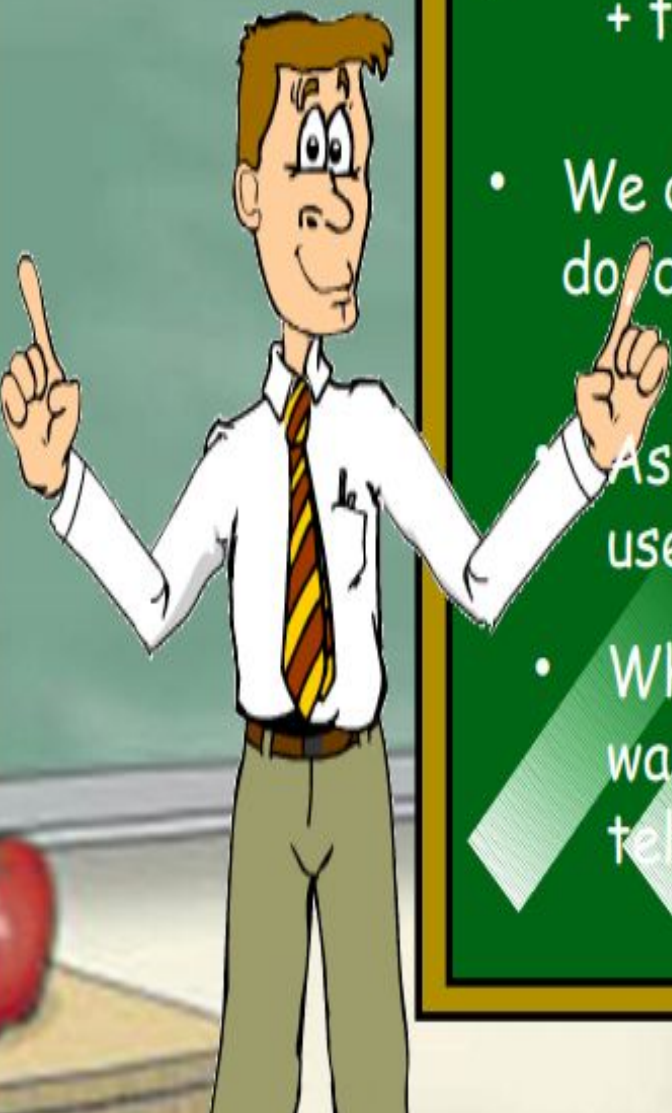
Mark **said** that **he wanted** to live in London.



## *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 advise, 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             | → | • then                  |
| • Today / tonight | → | • That day / that night |
| • This morning    | → | • That morning          |
| • Yesterday       | → | • The day before        |
| • Tomorrow        | → | • The following day     |
| • Last month      | → | • The month before      |



# Personal Pronouns changes

## Direct speech

## Reported speech

- I
- you
- we
- Me
- You
- Us

- • He, she
- • I, she, he, we, they
- • they
- • Him, her
- • Him, her, us, them
- • 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!***