

Reported Speech

1

Use an
Introductory Verb



2

Change Tenses
(go backwards in time)



3

Change
here to there
now to then



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Introductory Verb



She told **me**
(that...)

He said
(that...)

They explained
(that..)

We informed **her**
(that..)

I pointed out
(that...)

She added
(that..)

He claimed
(that..)

She whispered
(that..)

They thought
(that..)

etc



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2

Change Tenses (go backwards in time)

Present
Simple or Continuous



Past
Simple or Continuous

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Present Perfect
Simple or Continuous



Past Perfect
Simple or Continuous

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Past
Simple or Continuous



Past Perfect
Simple or Continuous

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Future Simple (will + inf.)



would + inf.

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Remember to change these

can → could

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will → would

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am, is, are → was, were

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have, has, had → had

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was, were → had been

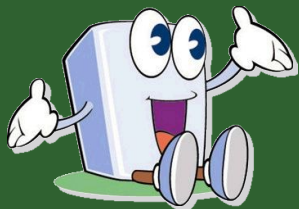
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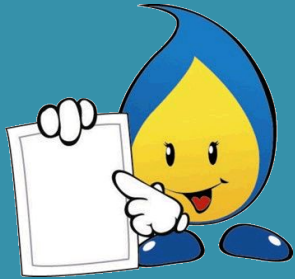
V-ing
past participle
to + infinitive
bare infinitive



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Change time and place



this, these → that, those, the

↓ CLICK HERE

here → there

↓ CLICK HERE

now → then

↓ CLICK HERE

today → that day

↓ CLICK HERE

this evening → that evening

↓ CLICK HERE

tonight → that night

↓ CLICK HERE



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Change time and place

yesterday → the previous day

→ the day before

↓ CLICK HERE

last week → the previous week

→ the week before

↓ CLICK HERE

tomorrow → the next day

→ the following day

↓ CLICK HERE

next year → the following year

↓ CLICK HERE



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I love reading books, especially when they have such an exciting plot as this one.

Aunt Molly said she loved reading books
especially when they had such an
exciting plot as that one.

a that loved read
that she loves reading
she loved reading ✓

b they have
they had ✓
we had

c this one
that one ✓
the one



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**We could have a look at this photo album.
It's got all the photos Lucy took on her holiday.**

Brian said we could have a look at
the photo album and explained
that it all the photos Lucy **had**
had on her holiday. **taken**

a they could had
we could have ✓
that they can have

b the ✓
this
these

c it has
they had got ✓
that it had

d taked
had taken ✓
has taken



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Mary used dad's credit card to buy clothes and I don't think dad will be very happy.

Ellie informed her mum that Mary
_____ had used their _____ credit card
_____ to buy _____ dad's _____ clothes and _____ she didn't _____
he _____ would _____ very happy think

a

had used their dad's
used dad's



b

to buy
to bought
bought



c

dad's
she didn't thought
she didn't think
she hadn't thought



d

was
would be
would was



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I'm getting good at driving. Actually, I think I'm going to be an excellent driver!

Tina claimed that she was getting
good at driving and that ,
actually, she she was going to
thought be an
excellent driver.

a

Tina got
she was getting ✓
that she had been getting

b

driving ✓
drove
driven

c

she's thinking
I thought
she thought ✓

d

she 's going to was
she was going to be ✓
I'm going to being



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We didn't do our history class today so we had a free period.

Mona explained that they hadn't done
their history class that, so
they 'd had a free day.

a

they didn't do
they didn't
they hadn't done ✓

b

their ✓
our
theirs

c

that day ✓
the day before
the next day

d

they had
they'd had ✓
they would have



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