

**Reported
Speech
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- **Косвенная речь служит для передачи чужой речи**
- **Личные и указательные местоимения заменяются в косвенной речи по смыслу, как и в русском языке.**
- **Если глагол, вводящий косвенную речь, стоит в настоящем времени, то форма глагола в косвенной речи не изменяется**

Прямая речь

Косвенная речь

Действия в главном и придаточном предложении
по времени совпадают

Present Simple

He said, "I *live* in this house".



Past Simple

He said that he *lived* in that house.

Present Continuous

He said, "I *am reading* now."



Past Continuous

He said that he *was reading* then.

Действие в придаточном предложении
произошло раньше действия в главном предложении

Прямая речь

Past Simple

He said, "I *saw* this film yesterday".

Present Perfect

He said, "I *have seen* this film."

Past Perfect

He said, "I *had seen* this film before she came."

Косвенная речь

Past Perfect

He said that he *had seen* that film (the day before, before she came).

- Tense changes when the main verb is past tense:

<i>Speaker's words</i>	<i>Reported statement</i>
<i>will</i>	→ <i>would</i>
<i>shall</i>	→ <i>should</i>
<i>is going to</i>	→ <i>was going to</i>
<i>present simple</i>	→ <i>past simple</i>
<i>present continuous</i>	→ <i>past continuous</i>
<i>past perfect</i>	→ <i>past perfect</i>
<i>present perfect</i>	
<i>past simple</i>	
<i>must</i>	→ <i>had to</i>
<i>can</i>	→ <i>could</i>

Наречия времени и места в косвенной речи изменяются

<i>Speaker's words</i>	<i>Reported statement</i>
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tomorrow	→ the next day/the following day
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yesterday	→ the day before
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here	→ there
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this/that	→ the
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this morning	→ that morning
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today	→ that day
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tonight	→ that night
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next/on Tuesday	→ the following Tuesday
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last Tuesday	→ the previous Tuesday
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the day after tomorrow	→ in two days' time
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ago	→ before/previously
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- Some verbs do not change:

would → *would*, *could* → *could*, *might* → *might*

should → *should*, *ought to* → *ought to*

- 4 Read the texts opposite and find how sentences 1–7 from Exercise 3 were reported. Then complete gaps 1–6 in the table.

Direct speech	Reported speech
Present Continuous We're doing it wrong.	Past Continuous I told Ted we were doing it wrong.
Present Simple This number doesn't look right.	Past Simple I said that ¹ ___.
Past Simple I had my first lesson yesterday.	Past Perfect He explained that ² ___.
Present Perfect I have been here for ten minutes.	Past Perfect He claimed that ³ ___.
Past Perfect I had never driven a car before.	Past Perfect He admitted that ⁴ ___.
can I can't get up or down.	could He added that ⁵ ___.
will I will call back later.	would He promised ⁶ ___.

Reporting verbs: *add, admit, agree, claim, complain, explain, point out, promise, protest, reply, say, tell, threaten*

6 Change these sentences to reported speech.

1 Ted I think it's wrong.

Ted said he thought it was wrong.

2 Wendy It definitely has a *c* and an *h* in it.

3 Kelly I've never seen anything like that.

4 Darren I don't know how it happened.

5 Darren I didn't mean to do it.

6 Darren My mum will be home tomorrow.

7 Christophe I can't talk now. A helicopter is coming.

7 Use the verbs in brackets to change this conversation to reported speech.

Tina You're not doing it right. (tell) You've made another mistake. (complain)

Tom I'm sorry. (reply) I don't usually make so many mistakes. (tell)

Tina This job is very important. (tell)

Tom Of course it's important. (agree) But you only told me about it yesterday. (protest)
I can't perform miracles! (add)

Tina You're not trying! (claim)

Tom I am trying! (say) I didn't sleep well last night, and I can't concentrate. (explain)

Tina When I got here, you hadn't even started it. (point out)

Tom I'll finish it tomorrow. (promise)

Tina That's too late. (say) I won't pay you if you don't finish it today. (threaten)

Tom was doing a job for Tina. She told him that he wasn't doing it right and complained that he ...

- 8 Work in pairs. Correct the mistakes in the magazine article. Follow the example.

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IS THIS THE **WORST** TV PRESENTER EVER?

TV presenter, Simon Forbes,
makes a lot of mistakes.
Can you correct them?

- 1 'Manchester is the capital of England.'
- 2 'Pollution is making the planet colder.'
- 3 'The British don't drink much tea.'
- 4 'Scotland won the World Cup in 2006.'
- 5 'Rap music has been popular for fifty years.'
- 6 'Camels can live underwater for a week.'
- 7 'People will live on Mercury by 2023.'

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Simon Forbes said that Manchester was the capital of England, but it isn't, it's London.

9 ©T018 **Work in pairs. Read 1–4. What did the people actually say? Listen and check.**

1 In 1888 the astronomer Simon Newcomb said that we were probably getting near the limit of all we could know about astronomy.

'We are probably getting ...'

2 In 1901, two years before the Wright brothers' first successful flight, Wilbur Wright said that man would not fly for fifty years.

3 In 1943 Thomas Watson, the chairman of IBM said that he thought there was a world market for maybe five computers.

4 After a meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1975 a banker said that Bill Gates had told him about his new company the day before. He said that he had never heard such a stupid idea and that that guy Gates couldn't be serious. He was sure that the business would never make any money.

Homework

Write these sentences in indirect speech.

1 'I'm very tired,' she said.

She said she was very tired.

2 'I'll see them soon,' he said.

He said he would see them soon.

3 'I'm going to the cinema,' she said.

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4 'I see the children quite often,' he said.

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5 'I'm having a bath,' she said.

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6 'I've already met their parents,' he said.

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7 'I stayed in a hotel for a few weeks,' she said.

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8 'I must go home to make the dinner,' he said.

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9 'I haven't been waiting long,' she said.

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10 'I'm listening to the radio,' he said.

11 'I'll tell them the news on Saturday,' she said.

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12 'I like swimming, dancing and playing tennis,' he said.

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13 'I can drive,' she said.

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14 'I walked home after the party,' he said.

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15 'I'm going to be sick,' she said.

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16 'I must go out to post a letter,' he said.

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17 'I spoke to Jane last week,' she said.

18 'I'm trying to listen to the music,' he said.

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19 'I'll phone the office from the airport,' she said.

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20 'I can't speak any foreign languages,' he said.

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