

REPORTED SPEECH



I am travelling
to Oxford
tomorrow



The next day...

?



~~I saw Jane yesterday
and she told me that
**I am travelling to
Oxford tomorrow**~~



I saw Jane yesterday
and she told me that **she
was travelling to
Oxford the next day**

The right sentence
is:

What changes in a sentence in Reported Speech?

1. The verbs

2. The pronouns and possessive adjectives

3. Some adverbs (now and there words)

Example:

I am watching **my** favourite programme **now**

Tom said (that) **he** was watching **his** favourite programme **then**



1. Verb tense changes:

Present Simple	—————→	Past Simple
Past Simple	—————→	Past Perfect
Present Perfect	—————→	Past Perfect
Future (will)	—————→	(would)

Examples:

I saw a snake	—————→	She said (that) she had seen a snake
She will come	—————→	He said (that) she would come

2. Pronouns & adjectives changes:

It depends on the person who the message is referred to

Example:

You are stupid!

She said that **I** was stupid

She said that **we** were stupid

She said that **he** was stupid



3. Now and there words:

Some adverbs have to change in order to keep the same meaning.

Example:



They said
(that) they
were
waiting
there



Types of sentences:

A. Statements

B. Questions

C. Commands

A. In statements, you change verbs, pronouns and adverbs. To introduce the reported sentence you use say or tell.

Example:

‘I am watching tv now’

He said (that) he was watching tv then

He told me (that) he was watching tv then

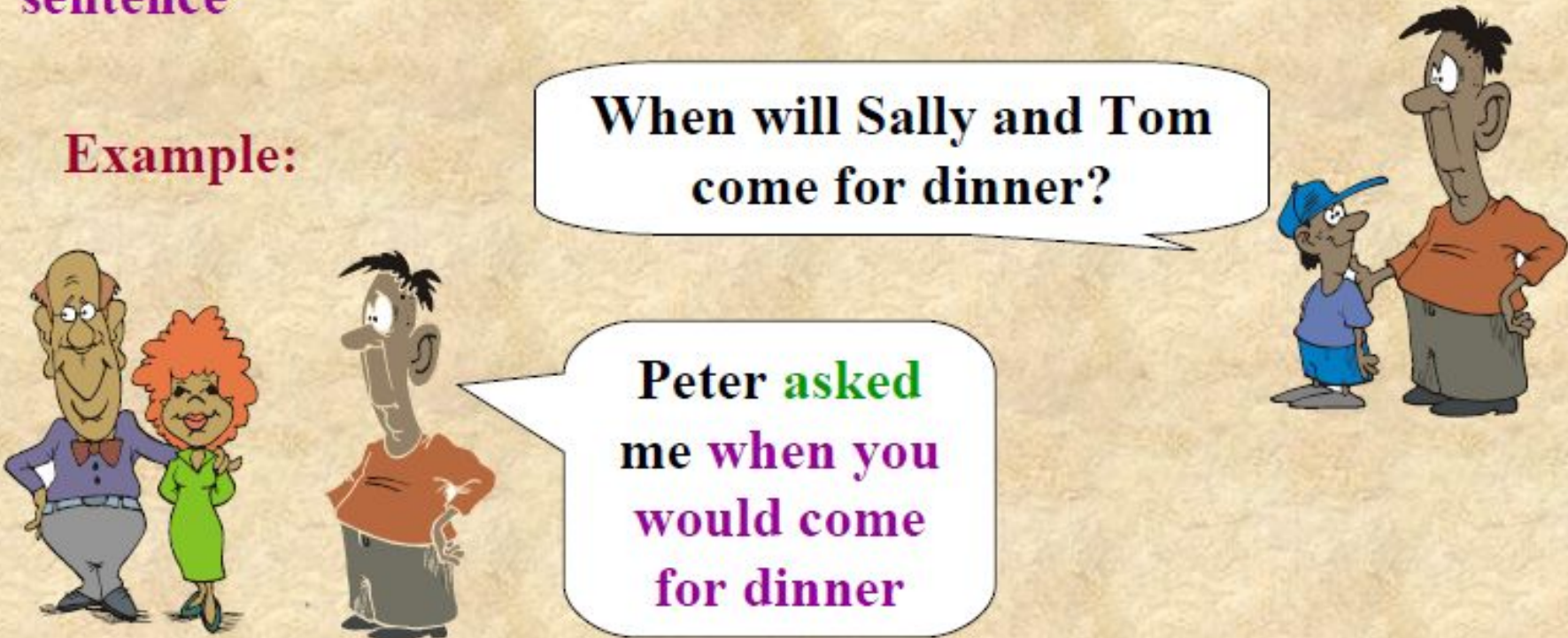


B. There are two types of questions:

B.1. Information questions (wh questions):

- Reported questions change the word order
- You usually write asked to introduce the reported sentence

Example:



When will Sally and Tom
come for dinner?

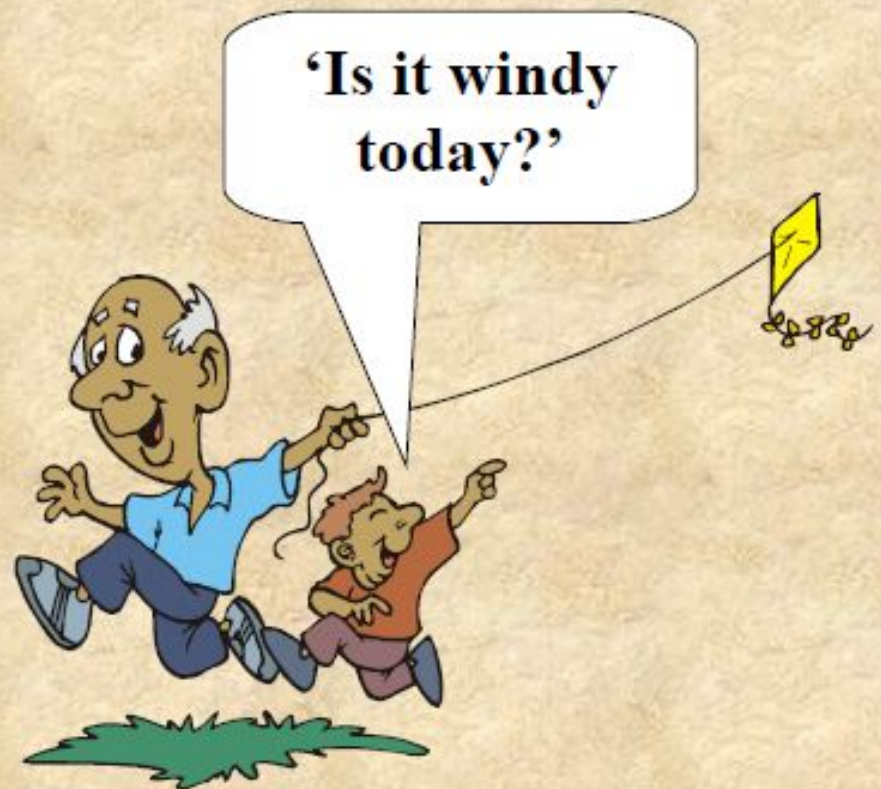
Peter asked
me **when you**
would come
for dinner

B.2. Yes/No questions

• **If/whether** is used to introduce reported questions that do not start with *wh words*.

Example:

Kevin asked his
grandfather **if it was windy**
that day



C. Commands

In commands you change the imperative into infinitive

Example:

‘Go and do your homework’



Paul **told his son** to go and do his homework

‘Don’t kiss me’

Chris **told his mother** not to kiss him



The introductory verb in commands is
told+object

*Thank you
for your
attention !!!*