





I really love you like a brother but I can't be with you any longer!



Robin told Ted that she really loved him like a brother but that she couldn't be with him any longer.

REPORTED SPEECH

Ted, this doesn't make sense!

I want to find the perfect woman for myself!



Ted said that he wanted to find the perfect woman for himself.

Barney answered that that didn't make sense.

She met me at the toilet and she took my breath away!

OMG! I know this girl. Ted said she had met him at the toilet and that she had taken his breath away.

Barney thought that he knew this girl.

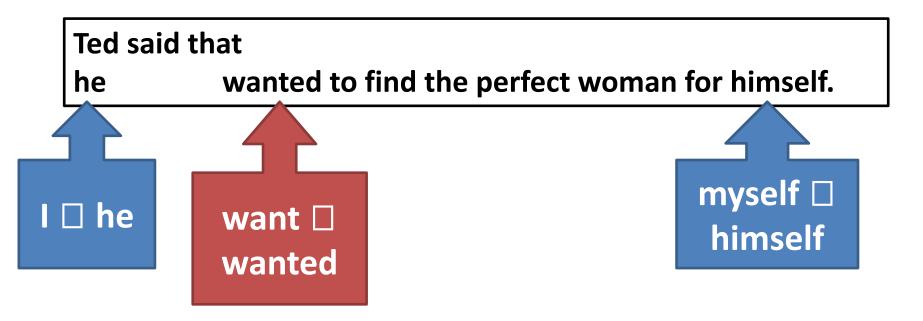
I will tell Ted tomorrow that she is a man!

I have never been kissed like that before. Ted thought that he had never been kissed like that before.

Barney thought that he would tell Ted the next day that she was a man.

REPORTED SPEECH What have we learned so far?

"I want to find the perfect woman for myself!"



pronouns and people change!!!

tenses change!!! ONE STEP INTO THE PAST

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
Present simple	Past simple
Present continuous	Past continuous
Past simple	Past perfect
Present perfect	Past perfect
Past continuous	Past perfect continuous
`Will' future	`would' conditional
Can	Could
Мау	Might
Must	Had to

REPORTED SPEECH Now try for yourself!

"She met me at the toilet and she took my breath away!"

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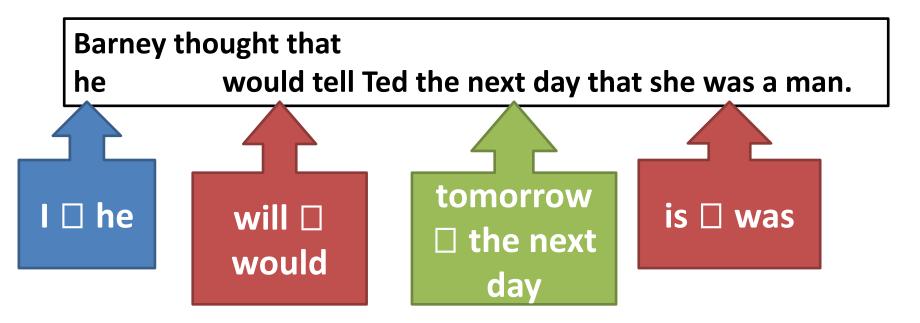
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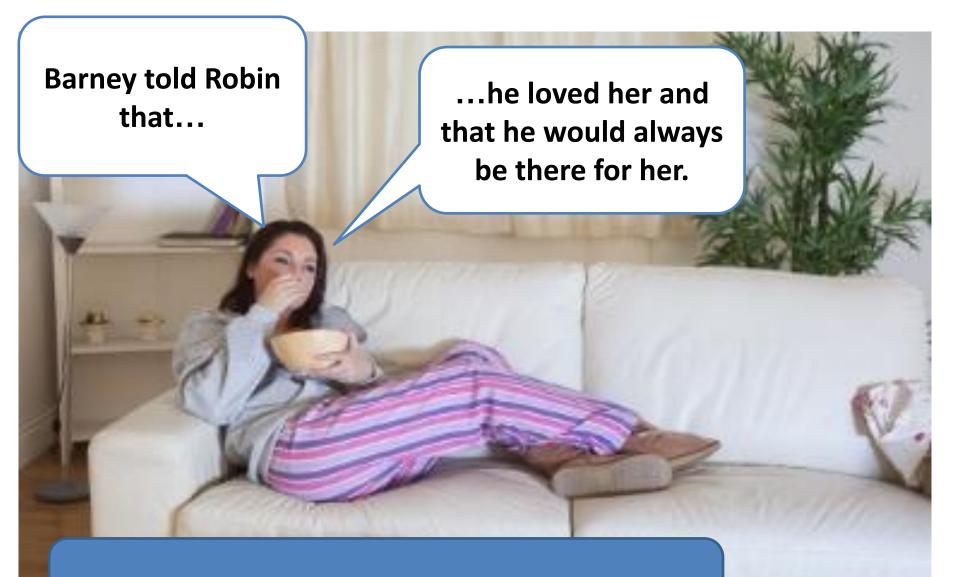
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PLACE & TIME

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
today	that day
now	then / at the moment
yesterday	the day before
days ago	days before
last week	the week before
next year	the following year
tomorrow	the next day the following day
here	there
this	that
these	those
ago	previously / before
tonight	that night

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You are such a fool! You fell in love with a man!



Lily and Marshall laughed about Ted that...

...he was such a fool that he had fallen in love with a man.

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Ted, I am sure you will find your true love within the next week!



Lily told Ted that...

...she was sure he would find his true love within the following week.

Ted, I am sure you will find your true love within the next week!