

REPORTED SPEECH



Reported Statements

1) Anna **says**, “ I like travelling”.

Anna **says** (that) she **likes** travelling.

2) Laura **has said**, “He drinks coffee every day”.

Laura **has said** (that) he **drinks** coffee every day.

3) Mike **said**, “ You look wonderful.”

Mike **said** (that) I **looked** wonderful.

He said that ...

He told me that ...

Tense changes in reported speech

ORIGINAL WORDS	REPORTED STATEMENT
Present simple: <i>'We work for the town council.'</i>	Past simple: → <i>They said they worked for the town council.</i>
Present continuous: <i>'I'm doing the washing.'</i>	Past continuous: → <i>She said she was doing the washing.</i>
Past simple: <i>'We decided to leave earlier today.'</i>	Past perfect: → <i>He said they had decided to leave earlier that day.</i>
Past continuous: <i>'I wasn't telling the truth.'</i>	Past perfect continuous: → <i>She admitted she hadn't been telling the truth.</i>
Present perfect simple: <i>'My guests haven't arrived yet.'</i>	Past perfect simple: → <i>She said her guests hadn't arrived yet.</i>
Present perfect continuous: <i>'We've been waiting for ages!'</i>	Past perfect continuous: → <i>They complained (that) they had been waiting for ages.</i>
be going to: <i>'They're going to stay at home tonight.'</i>	was/were going to: → <i>They said they were going to stay at home that night.</i>
Most modal verbs (e.g. can, will, must): <i>'I can't say any more.'</i> <i>'The result will be available later.'</i> <i>'You must stop writing!'</i>	could, would, had to: → <i>He added that he couldn't say any more.</i> → <i>He said that the result would be available later.</i> → <i>She said we had to/must stop writing.</i>

Pronoun/adjective changes

Direct speech

Indirect speech

I	he/she
My	his/her
Mine	his/her
You	I/he/she/we/they
Your	my/his/her/our/their
Yours	mine/his/hers/ours/theirs
We	they
Our	their
Ours	theirs
This/these	that/those

DIRECT SPEECH	INDIRECT SPEECH
<i>today</i>	<i>that day</i>
<i>yesterday</i>	<i>the day before</i>
<i>the day before yesterday</i>	<i>two days before</i>
<i>tomorrow</i>	<i>the next day/the following day</i>
<i>the day after tomorrow</i>	<i>in two day's time</i>
<i>next week/year etc.</i>	<i>the following week/year etc.</i>
<i>last week/year etc.</i>	<i>the previous week/year etc.</i>
<i>a year etc. ago</i>	<i>a year before/the previous year</i>

1. Oleg said, “My room is on the second floor.”
2. He said, “I am sure she will ring me up when she is back in St. Petersburg.”
3. Misha said, “I saw them at my parents' house last year.”
4. He said: “I haven't seen my cousin today.”
5. “I don't go to this shop very often,” she said.
6. Tom said, “I have already had breakfast, so I am not hungry.”
7. He said, “I have just received a letter from my uncle.”
8. “I am going to the theatre tonight,” he said to me.
9. Mike said, “I spoke to Mr. Brown this morning.”
10. He said to her, “I shall do it [today if I have time.”
11. I said to them, “I can give you my uncle's address.”

Reported Questions

1) Mary asked, “Why are you so sad?”

Mary **asked** me why I **was** so sad.

2) They asked, “Do you like apples?”

They **asked** me if I **liked** apples.

whether

REPORTED QUESTIONS

- We use affirmative word order
(No inversion, no auxiliary verbs)
- The question mark is omitted.
- Reporting verbs:
ASK, WONDER, ENQUIRE,
WANT TO KNOW...
- WH-QUESTIONS → We use **question word**
- YES/NO QUESTIONS → We use **if/whether**

1. I said to Nick, “Where are you going?”
2. I said to him, “How long are you going to stay there?”
3. I said to him, “How long will it take you to get there?”
4. He said to her, “Where do you usually spend your summer holidays?”
5. Ann said to Mike, “When did you leave London?”
6. She said to Boris, “When will you be back home?”
7. Boris said to them, “How can I get to the railway station?”
8. Mary asked Tom, “What time will you come here tomorrow?”
9. She asked me, “Why didn’t you come here yesterday?”
10. She asked me, “What will you do tomorrow if you are not busy at your office?”
11. Pete said to his friends, “When are you leaving St Petersburg?”
12. He said to them, “Who will you see before you leave the city?”
13. They said to him, “What time does the train leave?”
14. I asked Mike, “What will you do after dinner?”
15. I asked my uncle, “How long did you stay in the Crimea?”
16. Mother said to me, “Who has brought this parcel?”
17. Ada said to me, “Where did you see such trees?”
18. I said to Becky, “What kind of book has your friend brought you?”