

A. Statements

- Reported statements are usually introduced with **say** or **tell**. **That** is optional in the reported sentence. **Inverted commas** are omitted in Reported Speech.
"He is rich," Ann said. → Ann **said** (**that**) he was rich.
- **Personal pronouns** and **possessive adjectives** change according to context.
"I like **your** car," he said to Mary. → He told Mary that he **liked her** car.
- **Tenses** change as follows:

	Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Present Simple	"She works hard," he said.	→ He said (that) she worked hard.
Present Cont.	"She is working hard," he said.	→ He said (that) she was working hard.
Past Simple	"She worked hard," he said.	→ He said (that) she had worked hard.
Past Cont.	"She was working hard," he said.	→ He said (that) she had been working hard.
Future Simple	"She will work hard," he said.	→ He said (that) she would work hard.
Future Cont.	"She will be working hard," he said.	→ He said (that) she would be working hard.
Present Perfect	"She has worked hard," he said.	→ He said (that) she had worked hard.
Present Perf. Cont.	"She has been working hard," he said.	→ He said (that) she had been working hard.

- **Past Perfect** and **Past Perfect Continuous** do not change in Reported Speech.
- **Past Simple** changes to **Past Perfect** or remains the **same**. When the reported sentence contains a time clause, the tenses of the time clause remain unchanged. "She came round to my house **while I was doing** my shopping," he said. → He said (that) she **had come/came** round to his house **while he was doing** his shopping.
- If the reported sentence is out of date, the tenses change, but if it is up to date, the tenses can remain the same. "She **called** last week," he said. → He said (that) she **had called** the week before. (speech reported after she had called - out of date) He **is seeing** the dentist tonight," she said. → She said he **is seeing** the dentist tonight. (speech reported before he sees the dentist - up to date)

Tenses do not change in Reported Speech when:

- the reporting verb (said, told etc) is in the Present, Future or Present Perfect.
"I can't drive," he **says**. → He **says** (that) he **can't** drive.
- the speaker expresses general truths, permanent states or conditions.
"The sun rises in the East," the teacher said. → The teacher said (that) the sun **rises** in the East.
- the reported sentence deals with conditionals type 2/type 3, wishes or unreal past.
"I wish I **was flying** to Brazil," he said. → He said (that) he wished he **was flying** to Brazil.
- the speaker is reporting something immediately after it was said (up to date).
"The food **is** delicious," he said. → He said (that) the food **is** delicious. (up to date)

Note: If the speaker expresses something which is believed to be true, the tenses may change or remain the same. "She **likes** seafood," he said. → He said (that) she **likes/liked** seafood. However, if the speaker expresses something which is believed to be untrue, the tenses change. "India **is** a rich country," he said. → He said (that) India **was** a rich country.

- **Time words** can change or remain the same depending on the time reference.

Direct Speech

Reported Speech

tonight, today, this week/month/year	→	that night, that day, that week/month/year
now	→	then, at that time, at once, immediately
now that	→	since
yesterday, last night/week/month/year	→	the day before, the previous night/week/month/year
tomorrow, next week/month/year	→	the following day/the day after, the following/next week/month/year
two days/months/years etc ago	→	two days/months/years etc before

"The report **is** due in **next week**," the lecturer said. → The lecturer said (that) the report **was** due in **the following week**. (out-of-date reporting) "I **went** to a party **last night**," she said. → She said (that) she **went** to a party **last night**. (up-to-date reporting)

30 Turn the following sentences into Reported Speech.

- 1 "They will have arrived in Bali by now," he said. ...
(out-of-date reporting) ... *He said they would have arrived in Bali by then...*
- 2 "I've always hated the music they play at this disco," he said. (out-of-date reporting)
- 3 "He'll repair the car next Friday," she said. (up-to-date reporting)
- 4 "I'll be travelling home this time next week," she said. (out-of-date reporting)
- 5 "He left last Monday," she says.
- 6 "I haven't decided what type of car I'll buy," he said. (up-to-date reporting)
- 7 "It's time we went out," she said.
- 8 "The earth is round," he said.
- 9 "When they were fishing they caught a trout," he said.
- 10 "Your reports are all typed up," the secretary said. (up-to-date reporting)
- 11 "Dinosaurs are extinct," the teacher said.
- 12 "Paris is a small city," said Lucy.
- 13 "I've been sunbathing all afternoon," he said. (out-of-date reporting)
- 14 "She looks very pretty today," said Paul.
- 15 "If I were you, I'd enter the competition," he said.
- 16 "If they had played well, they'd have won," the coach said.
- 17 "She doesn't seem to be enjoying herself," he said. (up-to-date reporting)
- 18 "Water freezes at 0°C," the professor said.
- 19 "She ought to see a doctor," he said.
- 20 "Mum is making a cake now," said Tom. (out-of-date reporting)
- 21 "We went to Australia two years ago," she said. (out-of-date reporting)
- 22 "He can't possibly be serious," Tim said. (up-to-date reporting)
- 23 "We were watching television when we heard the news," her father said.
- 24 "I am meeting Terry tomorrow," she said. (up-to-date reporting)
- 25 "Next time you'll have to do better than that," my boss said. (out-of-date reporting)



Bali - Indonesia