




REPORTED SPEECH
ENGLISH

Nº 13/UNIT 3
‘Reported Statements’
12th Grade
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Reported Speech



PAUL

You saw Paul yesterday and you want to tell somebody what he said.
There are two ways of doing this:

You can repeat Paul's words (direct speech):
Paul said, **'I'm feeling ill.'**

Or you can use reported speech:
Paul said **that he was feeling ill.**

Compare:

direct	Paul said, 'I am feeling ill.'
reported	Paul said that he was feeling ill.

In writing we use these quotation marks to show direct speech.

When we report somebody's words, we often have to change the verb forms.

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
Present Simple 'I want a new bike'	Past Simple 'She said (that) she wanted a new bike.'
Present Perfect 'They've never told anyone'	Past Perfect 'He said (that) they had never told anyone'
Past Simple 'They spent the night in a police cell'	Past perfect 'You told me (that) they had spent the night in a police cell'
Will 'They will give us a book to read'	Would 'You told us (that) they would give us a book to read'
Can 'I can help him.'	Could 'She said (that) she could help him.'

- We often have to change other words too, such as pronouns and time references.

I will show **you** the false passports **tomorrow**

He said **he** would show me the false passports **the next day**.


- We don't need to change the verb forms if the situation is still true at the time of reporting, or is imaginary.

My name is Sophia

She said that her name is Sophia.

You met Anna. Here are some of the things she said in *direct speech*:

I've lost my phone.
I **want** to buy a car.
I **can't** come to the party on Friday.
I **don't** have much free time.
My parents **are** fine.
I'm going away for a few days.
I'll phone you when I **get** back.



ANNA

Later you tell somebody what Anna said. You use *reported speech*:

- ☐ Anna said that she **had** lost her phone.
- ☐ She said that she **wanted** to buy a car.
- ☐ She said that she **couldn't** come to the party on Friday.
- ☐ She said that she **didn't** have much free time.
- ☐ She said that her parents **were** fine.
- ☐ She said that she **was** going away for a few days and **would** phone me when she **got** back.

1. Complete the police officer's report.

The police received a mysterious phone message: ‘Hello. My name is Mike. I live on Greenwood Road. I saw some strange men going into the house next door. They looked very suspicious. I haven’t seen them here before. I don’t want to cause any trouble, but I think they might be spies. I can’t remember anything else. I’ll call you if I see them again.’

The police officer reported the message to the chief inspector:

'Good morning chief. This morning we received a message from a man. He told us that his name was Mike and that he lived on Greenwood Road. He said he saw some strange men going into the house next door. He said they were very suspicious and that he had seen them there before. He told us that he didn't want to cause any trouble, but he thought they might be spies. He said that he wasn't doing anything else but he wanted to warn us if he saw them again.'

2. Complete the reported statements. Remember pronouns and time references.

- a. Martin: 'Shelley was here yesterday.'

Martin said that Shelley *HAD BEEN THERE THE DAY BEFORE.*

- b. Jake: 'I saw this film a week ago.'

Jake told me _____

- c. Vicky: 'I'm not sure what time I'll finish work this evening.'

Vicky told me _____.

- d. Sam: 'We haven't seen the film yet, but the reviews were very good.'

Sam told me that they

- e. Jasmin: 'Keira will call you tomorrow.'

Jasmin said that Keira

- f. Ellen: 'Maria can't come to the concert'

Ellen said that Maria

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