

Reported Speech

1. Look at the text in Reported speech and complete the rules

Direct Speech

"I am going to London tomorrow on business. I don't know when I am going to return." John said.

"OK, it doesn't matter, but what are you going to buy as a birthday present for Steven? You have forgotten to get them every time you have gone to London this week." Said Angela.

"Yes," he answered. "I will get the toys at Hamleys in Regent Street after the meeting."

"Will you be home for supper?" Angela asked.

"Yes, I will be home for supper. I will get in for supper with luck."

"Well, have a good time. I will see you this evening."

Reported Speech

John **said** he was going to London the following day on business, but he also **told** his wife Angela that he didn't know when he was going to return. Angela **replied** that it didn't matter, but she **asked** him what he was going to buy as a birthday present for their son Steven because he had forgotten to get it the previous times he had been to London. He **answered** that he would get the toys at Hamleys in Regent Street after the meeting.

Angela then **wondered** *whether* he would be home for supper, and he **answered** that he would. He would arrive that night with luck.

Angela **told** him to have a good time and that she would see him that evening.

Reported Speech – The Rules!

- a. The subject is usually person.
- b. Verbs in the tense.
- c. If verbs in present ->
- d. If verbs ->past perfect
- e. Reported speech introduced by e.g. *Say, tell*, etc.
- f. Questions order. E.g. + infinitive
- g. Questions can be yes/no or Wh-questions.
- h. 'If/whether' introduces questions.
- i. Use of **verb + to + infinitive** verb groups.
- j. If verbs **will + INF** -> **+INF**
- k. '**Yes, I do**' and '**no, I don't**' -> **He said**
- l. '**Please**' and '**thank you**' ->
- m. **Today, Tonight, tomorrow, yesterday** ->
- n. **Now, this, these** ->

2. Write in Reported speech.

- a. "I have got a new book." Harry said
- b. "You must stop doing that." John said to Bill.
- c. "I can swim faster than you:" She said.
- d. "I studied German for six years." Jane said.
- e. "I have seen Titanic ten times since it came out." Harry said.
- f. "I love you." John said. "I love you too." Mary said.
- g. "I have been studying German for six years." Jane said.

3. Questions. Put these sentences in Reported speech.

- a. "Is this your house?" She said.
- b. "Would you like some tea?" The old lady said.
- c. "Where are my books?" John said.
- d. "Can you help me, please?" Mary said.
- e. "What have you been doing since last year?" John said to Bill.
- f. "Jane, have you found your suitcase, yet?" I said.

4. What Speech word would you use to make a reported statement?

- a. "Leave this classroom now!"
- b. "I am having dinner with my favourite actor!"
- c. "Can you come with me?"
- d. "It is going to be a great party!"
- e. "I would have a Chateau Levee 1998 with your meal, sir." The waiter said.
- f. "I am in love!" Gail said.
- g. "Yes, I'm sorry. I stole the jewels."
- h. "Where is my dinner?" the man said to the waiter.

SAY TELL ASK ANSWER

1. Look at the examples

- "I can **say** 'book' in German." The boy said. – the boy said...
- "I **love** you you, Jane." Said Harry. - Harry told Jane he loved her.
- "Maria, **will** you **marry** me?" Said Bill. - Bill asked Maria to marry him.
- "Yes, Bill. I **will**." - Maria answered she would.

2. Activities

- What structures to you find in common?
- What is the use of the "to" in this verb structure?
- Look at the use of the infinitives and to.

SAY	something		<i>I said the words.</i>
TELL	something	Someone	<i>I told someone the words</i>
ASK	Someone	something	<i>I asked someone something</i>
ANSWER	Something		<i>I answered something</i>

- Special questions. These petitions are used like questions. Make Reported questions with them.
 - "Write your name and address, please." The doctor said.
 - "Use this carefully, please." He said.
 - "Can I open the window, please?" The boy said to the teacher. "Yes, of course."
 - "Get ready to jump, please." The man said. "No, I don't want to." They replied.
 - "Cut that in three pieces please. Thank you." Mother asked John.
 - "You can look after my dog for five minutes, can't you?" Bill said the Steve.
- Reported sentences. Special sentences. Write in Direct speech.
 - He greeted me when he arrived.
 - He asked me if I liked football. I told him I did.
 - He asked me what I was doing the following week. I answered that I wasn't doing anything.
 - The man asked her if she liked the flowers. She answered she did because they were lovely.
 - The man said he was going to play tennis that afternoon. I told him I had already played the day before.