

# 16. The Reported Speech: changes

## Changes in people

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
I	he / she
we	you
my	his / her
our	your
you	I (usually)
1st / 2nd person	3rd person

## Changes in time expressions

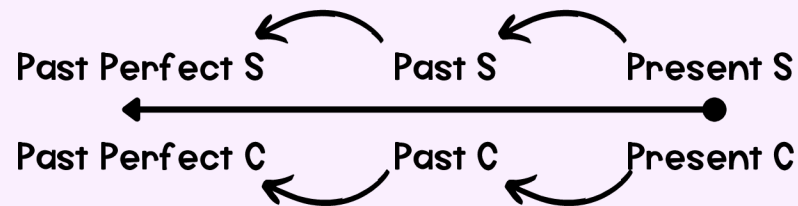
Direct Speech	Reported Speech
now	then
today	that day
yesterday	the previous day, the day before
tomorrow	the next/ following day, the day after
next week / month	The following week / month
last week / month	The previous week / month
A week / month ago	The week / month before

## Changes in demonstratives

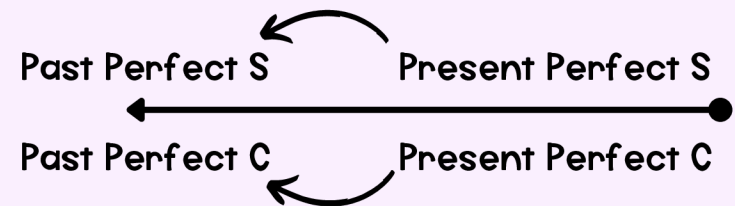
Direct Speech	Reported Speech
here	there
this	that
these	those

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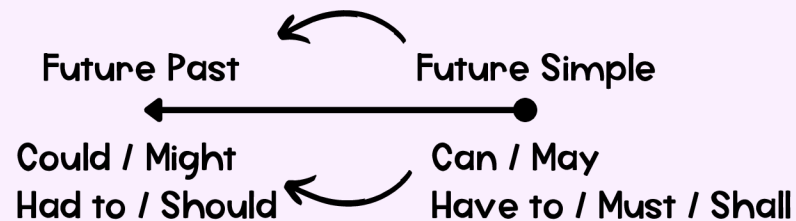
## Statements, questions, commands, requests and suggestions



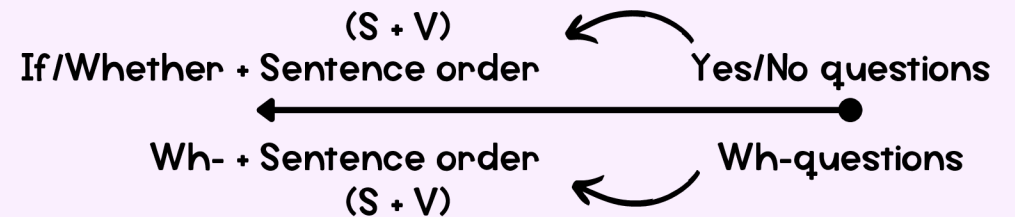
Anna: "I **play** basketball every Sunday".  
 Anna said that she **played** basketball every Sunday.



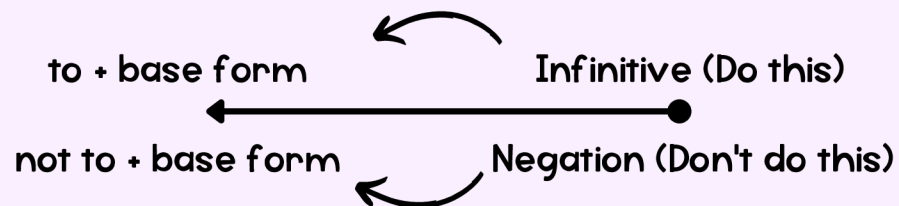
Carla: "I **have practiced** basketball since I was 10".  
 Carla said that she **had practiced** basketball since she was 10.



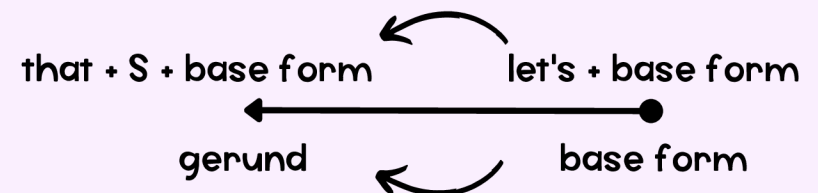
Sarah: "I **will dance** in a competition this month".  
 Sarah explained that she **would dance** in a competition that month.



Sandra: "Do you play basketball?"  
 Sandra asked **if/whether** I played basketball.



Ainhoa: "Dario, please **stay** quiet".  
 Ainhoa ordered Dario **to stay** quiet.



Diego suggested: "You **should watch** the new James Bond movie".  
 Diego suggested **watching** the new James Bond movie.

# 16. The Reported Speech: changes & verbs

## Notes: changes in the verb

### 1. The tense does not change when:

#### a) The reporting verb is in Present Simple, Present Perfect Simple or Future Simple.

Sarah **says**: "I'm hungry" → Sarah **says** that she **is** hungry.

#### b) The verb in direct speech is in Past P.S. or Past P.C.

Carlos said: "I **had already finished** the school by the time my mom got home".  
Carlos said that he **had already finished** the school by the time his mom got home.

#### c) The modals **should, could, would, might, ought to** are used.

Sofia said: "I **might** visit you later". → Sofia said that she **might** visit me later.

### 2. **That** can be omitted without a change of meaning.

### 3. To report general truths or scientific facts, you can leave the verb in the present tense or move it back one tense.

## Common reporting verbs

### 1. For statements.

say, tell, explain, complain, admit, confess, estimate, point out.

### 2. For questions.

ask, want to know, wonder, inquire.

### 3. For commands and instructions.

tell, order, remind, advise, warn, ask.

## Say VS Tell

### Say:

They said that they loved their new house.

### Tell:

They told **me** that they loved their new house.  
(Tell is followed by an object).

# 16. The Reporting Speech: reporting verbs

## Different structures

### (1) Verb + gerund

Accuse someone of, admit (to), apologise for, deny, suggest, insist on, recommend...

Klaudia: "he copied my homework".

Klaudia **accused him of copying** her homework.

### (2) Verb + infinitive

Agree, decide, demand, offer, promise, refuse...

Karim: "we will go to a party this weekend".

Karim **decided to go** to a party that weekend.

### (3) Verb + that + clause

Agree, complain, confess, decide, recommend, explain...

My mom: "your bedroom is a mess".

My mom **complained that** my bedroom was a mess.

### (4) Verb + whether/if + sentence

Ask, inquire, want to know, wonder.

Adrián: "are we going to have an exam this month?"

Adrián **wanted to know if** we were going to have an exam that month.

### (5) Verb + object + to-infinitive

Advise, beg, invite, remind, warn, instruct, urge, plead with, arrange for...

Amanda: "you should start reading the book during the weekend".

Amanda **advised us to start** reading the book during the weekend.

### (6) Verb + object + preposition or particle + gerund

Congratulate on, accuse of, blame for, forgive for, dissuade from, advise against, warn against / about...

Maria: "don't shout at the children".

Maria **dissuaded us from shouting** at the children.

### (7) We can report the general meaning of the sentence instead of the exact words with specific verbs that have a similar meaning.

Refuse, explain, invite, beg, suggest, apologise...

### (8) Some reporting verbs can be followed by an object:

Ask, tell, order, remind, warn, advise...

She **asked me** when my birthday was.