

THEORY:

THE REPORTED SPEECH

It is a manner of saying what another person said but we do not use his / her own words. Example

- Direct speech: "I like ice cream."
- Reported speech: She **says** (that) she **likes** ice cream.

We need use a reporting verb: say, tell, promise, ask, answer,etc. Furthermore, we need do other important changes.

Tense	Direct Speech	Reported Speech
present simple	I like ice cream	She said (that) she liked ice cream.
present continuous	I am living in London	She said (that) she was living in London.
past simple	I bought a car	She said (that) she had bought a car OR She said (that) she bought a car.
past continuous	I was walking along the street	She said (that) she had been walking along the street.
present perfect	I haven't seen Julie	She said (that) she hadn't seen Julie.
past perfect*	I had taken English lessons before	She said (that) she had taken English lessons before.
will	I'll see you later	She said (that) she would see me later.
would*	I would help, but.."	She said (that) she would help but...
can	I can speak perfect English	She said (that) she could speak perfect English.
could*	I could swim when I was four	She said (that) she could swim when she was four.
shall	I shall come later	She said (that) she would come later.
should*	I should call my mother	She said (that) she should call her mother
might*	I might be late	She said (that) she might be late
must	I must study at the weekend	She said (that) she must study at the weekend OR She said she had to study at the weekend

PRACTICE:

1. Imagine what the people would say in the following situation and write a dialogue Use the direct speech and the indirect speech.

- The situation is a mother to his or her child throwing litter on the ground. (Dialogue in the Direct speech). Then, with the person near you report their conversation.