

## Grammar revision

## Reported speech

We can use reported speech to report in writing or speech what someone has said.

### 1 Tense changes

When we report what someone has said we sometimes change the tense of the main verb: we move tenses 'back' one tense, known as backshift.



Original tense of main verb	Tense in reported speech
<b>present simple</b> <i>I study at the IUT in Bayonne.</i>	<b>past simple</b> <i>She said she studied at the IUT in Bayonne.</i>
<b>present continuous</b> <i>I'm studying at the IUT in Bayonne.</i>	<b>past continuous</b> <i>She said she was studying at the IUT in Bayonne.</i>
<b>past simple</b> <i>I studied in France.</i>	<b>past perfect</b> <i>She said she had studied in France.</i>
<b>past continuous</b> <i>I was studying in France.</i>	<b>past perfect continuous</b> <i>She said she had been studying in France.</i>
<b>present perfect</b> <i>I've studied in France.</i>	<b>past perfect</b> <i>She said she had studied in France.</i>
<b>past perfect</b> <i>I'd study in France.</i>	<b>past perfect</b> <i>She said she'd studied in France.</i>
<b>will</b> <i>I'll study in France.</i>	<b>would</b> <i>She said she would study in France.</i>
<b>can</b> <i>I can study in France.</i>	<b>could</b> <i>She said she could study in France.</i>
<b>must</b> <i>I must study in France.</i>	<b>had to</b> <i>She said she had to study in France.</i>

### 2 Time references



We sometimes need to change other words or phrases in reported speech if they are reported at a different time from the original words

Direct speech	Reported speech
<b>tomorrow</b>	<i>the following day / the next day</i>
<b>today</b>	<i>that day</i>
<b>yesterday</b>	<i>the day before</i>
<b>next week</b>	<i>the following week</i>
<b>now</b>	<i>then / straight away</i>
<b>this</b>	<i>that</i>
<b>here</b>	<i>there</i>

### 3 Pronoun changes

Sometimes the context requires pronouns to change:

Changes in pronouns	
Direct speech	Indirect speech
<b>Subject pronouns</b>	
<b>I</b>	He- She
<b>You</b>	I -She- He -We -They
<b>We</b>	They
<b>Object pronouns</b>	
<b>you</b>	Him Her
<b>we</b>	Him Her Us Them
<b>us</b>	Them
<b>Possessive adjectives</b>	
<b>My</b>	His Her
<b>your</b>	My His Her Our Their
<b>our</b>	Their
<b>Possessive pronouns</b>	
<b>mine</b>	His Hers
<b>yours</b>	Mine His Hers Ours Theirs
<b>ours</b>	Theirs
<b>Demonstrative pronouns</b>	
<b>this</b>	that
<b>these</b>	those