

# Direct & indirect speech

Tense	Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
Present simple	I <b>like</b> ice cream	He said that he <b>liked</b> ice cream
Present contiguous	I <b>am living</b> in Paris	He said that he <b>was living</b> in Paris
Past simple	I <b>bought</b> a car	He said he <b>bought</b> a car
Past contiguous	I <b>was walking</b> along the street	He said he <b>had been</b> walking along the street
Present perfect	I <b>haven't</b> seen Mary	He said he <b>hadn't</b> seen Mary
Past perfect	I <b>has taken</b> Spanish lessons before	He said he <b>had taken</b> Spanish lessons before
Will	I <b>ll</b> see you later	He said he <b>would</b> see me later
Would	I <b>would</b> help, but...	He said he <b>would</b> help, but...
Can	I <b>can</b> speak perfect Kurdish	He said he <b>could</b> speak perfect Kurdish
Could	I <b>could</b> swim when I was for	He said he <b>could</b> swim when he was for
Should	I <b>should</b> call my mother	He said he <b>should</b> her mother
May	I <b>might</b> be later	He said he <b>might</b> be later