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

Direct &indirect speech