

# REPORTED SPEECH (BASCKSHIFT)

## 1.- TENSE CHART

### BACKSHIFT of TENSES

From	To
<b>Simple Present</b> Peter: "I <b>work</b> in the garden."	<b>Simple Past</b> Peter said that he <b>worked</b> in the garden.
<b>Simple Past</b> Peter: "I <b>worked</b> in the garden."	<b>Past Perfect</b> Peter said that he <b>had worked</b> in the garden.
<b>Past Perfect</b> Peter: "I <b>had worked</b> in the garden."	<b>Past Perfect</b> Peter said that he <b>had worked</b> in the garden.
<b>Present Perfect</b> Peter: "I <b>have worked</b> in the garden."	<b>Past Perfect</b> Peter said that he <b>had worked</b> in the garden.
<b>Present Continuous</b> Peter: "I <b>'m working</b> in the garden."	<b>Past Continuous</b> Peter said that he <b>was working</b> in the garden.
<b>Will</b> Peter: "I <b>will work</b> in the garden."	<b>Would</b> Peter said that he <b>would work</b> in the garden.
<b>Can</b> Peter: "I <b>can work</b> in the garden."	<b>Could</b> Peter said that he <b>could work</b> in the garden.
<b>May</b> Peter: "I <b>may work</b> in the garden."	<b>Might</b> Peter said that he <b>might work</b> in the garden.
<b>Would, could, might, should, ought to</b> Peter: "I <b>would work</b> in the garden."	<b>Would, could, might, should, ought to</b> Peter said that he <b>would work</b> in the garden.

## 2.- VOCABULARY

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
now	at that moment / then
today	that day
last night	the night before
tonight	that night
this afternoon	that afternoon
this month	that month
next week	the following week
here	there
next year	the year after

## 3.- TIME EXPRESIONS

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
today	that day
now	then
tonight	that night
last ...	the ... before / the previous ...
yesterday	the day before
... ago	... before
last week	the week before
next year	the following year
tomorrow	the next day / the following day
here	there
this	that
these	those