



Reported Speech 1

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Exercise 1 – Learning

There are two ways to tell somebody what someone else said:

1. '**Direct Speech**' is when you quote the person's exact words using quotation marks.

- He says, “**I** love you.”

2. '**Reported Speech**' is when you say it in your own words.

- He says that **he** loves you.

In the sentences above, we changed '**I**' to '**he**'.

When you change a sentence from direct to reported speech, sometimes you will need to **change the pronoun**.



Tell me

We kept the reporting verb '**say**' in the above sentences.

However, when the reporting verb in direct speech is '**say to**', we change it to '**tell**'.

He **says to** me, "I love you." → He **tells** me that he loves me.

Tip: In conversation, we often omit '**that**' from reported speech. For example, we usually say "He tells me he loves me" and not "He tells me **that** he loves me."



Exercise 2 – Rephrasing

Rephrase the following Direct Speech sentences into Reported Speech sentences.

Example: She says, "I miss you." → She says she misses me.

Content:

1. He says, "My boss is demanding."
2. She says, "My husband comes home late from work."
3. They tell me, "You travel often."
4. Mom said, "You need to go to bed."
5. Experts say, "Milk is good for our bones."
6. She tells her husband, "I'm going on a business trip tomorrow."
7. Megan told John, "You should take singing lessons."
8. They tell me, "We go jogging every day."



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: "He has two children." → They tell me that you have two children.

Content:

1. "He smokes a lot."
2. "John goes to London often."
3. "She drinks coffee four times a day."
4. "They speak many languages."
5. "I am a waiter."
6. "David knows a lot about the world."