



Reported Speech 2

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Exercise 1 – Learning

In the first part, we learned to report what other people often say or had just said:

Lisa said today, "I **am going** to China tomorrow." → Lisa said today that she **is going** to China tomorrow.

In this example, the verb remained in the same tense.

However, when we report something that **has already happened**, we need to **shift the verb tense backward**.

For example, if today is Wednesday:

Lisa said *on Monday* that she *was going* to China *on Tuesday*.

Since Lisa has already gone to China, the verb tense changed from **present** to **past**:

'is going' became 'was going'



To report things that have already happened, we shift the **present** tense to the **past**, the **past** tense to the **past perfect**, and the **future** tense to the **conditional** mood:

1. Present → Past

He said, “I **love** you.” → He said he **loved** me.

(Present Simple → Past Simple)

He said, “I **am buying** a new car.” → He said that he **was buying** a new car.

(Present Continuous → Past Continuous)

She said, “I **have bought** some pizza.” → She said that she **had bought** some pizza.

(Present Perfect → Past Perfect)

She said, “I **have been** running for three hours.” → She said that she **had been** running for three hours.

(Present Perfect Continuous → Past Perfect Continuous)



2. Past → Past Perfect

He said, “I **arrived** on Monday.” → He said that he ***had arrived*** on Monday.

(Past Simple → Past Perfect)

He told me, “We **were drinking** tea.” → He told me that they ***had been drinking*** tea.

(Past Continuous → Past Perfect Continuous)

He told me, “We **had gone** to the stadium.” → He told me that they ***had gone*** to the stadium.

(Past Perfect → Past Perfect)



3. Future → Conditional

They said, “They **will come** to the party.” → They said that they **would come** to the party.

(Future Simple → Present Conditional)

He said, “I **will be working** on Saturday.” → He said that he **would be working** on Saturday.

(Future Continuous → Continuous Conditional)



Exercise 2 – Rephrasing

Rephrase the following Direct Speech sentences into Reported Speech sentences.

Example: "I can swim," said Lisa. → She said that she could swim.

Content:

1. John told me, "We're meeting at 4 pm."
2. "We went to school in the morning," said Lisa and John.
3. I told her, "I love you."
4. She told me, "I don't love you."
5. They said, "Peter always comes to parties."
6. They said, "Peter always came to parties."
7. They said, "Peter will come to the party."
8. Nina said, "You didn't come to my birthday party."



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

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

Example: "I will invite you to my house." → You said you would invite me to your house.

Content:

1. "I will call you later."
2. "I will go with you to London."
3. "I will visit you soon."
4. "I will exercise with you."
5. "I will get you a present for your birthday."
6. "I will buy you lunch sometime."