Grammar

Reported Clauses

that, whether, if

- 1. A I realized that excessive exercise was harmful.
- 2. B I realized that excessive exercise is harmful.

must be in same tense

halate soali nabayad bashe

or not ba if nemiyad

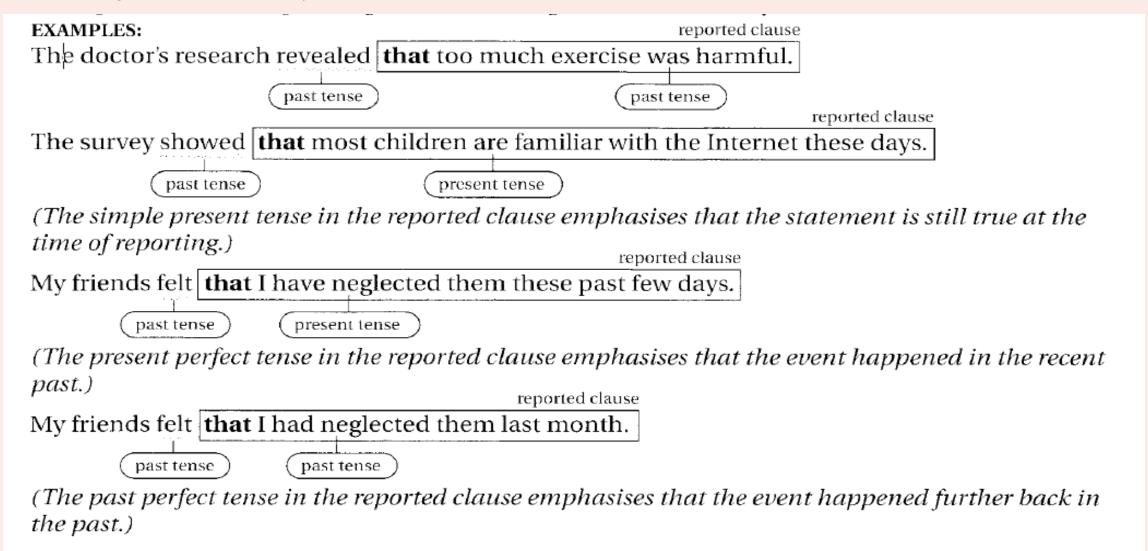
- 2. A She proposed that we stayed at her uncle's farmhouse this weekend.
- 2. B She proposed that we **stay** at her uncle's farmhouse this weekend.

verbs like propose/order/ demanded/insisted/i

- 3. A Roy's checking if / whether is the chalet free.
- 3. B Roy's checking whether or not **the chalet is** free. Roy's checking if / whether **the chalet is** free.
- 4. A The air stewardess asked if I wanted coffee, tea or range juice.
- 4. B The air stewardess asked whether I wanted coffee, tea or range juice.

Grammar Point

1. We use a clause beginning with that to report a statement or someone's opinion. We often use the past tense for the main clause and the reported clause. But we can also use other tenses in the reported clause depending on the meaning we want to convey.



- The reported clause is very useful, especially in writing. It is often used to present information that we have read or heard about somewhere else.
- These are some verbs that are commonly used with reported clauses beginning with **that**: announce, claim, discover, explain, feel, hope, learn, mention, reveal, say, think
- The word **that** can often be omitted from its reported clause.

EXAMPLE: I knew **that** you would come.

I knew you would come.

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When a reported clause beginning with **that** is used with a verb like **advise**, **demand**, **insist**, **propose**, **recommend**, **request**, **suggest**, etc, we use the base form of the verb or modal + verb in the reported clause.

EXAMPLES:	reported clause	
The committee suggested	that the college move to the capital city.	1
(past tense)	base form of verb reported clause	
The committee suggested	that the college should move to the capital city.	1
(past tense)	(modal + verb)	

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