

REPORTED SPEECH

SUB: English

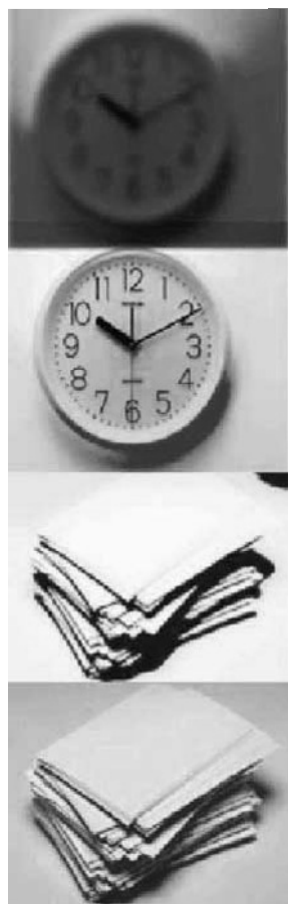
Grade: 10

Reported Speech (also referred to as 'indirect speech') refers to a sentence reporting what someone has said. It is almost always used in spoken English.

If the reporting verb (i.e. said) is in the past, the reported clause will be in a past form. This form is usually one step back into the past from the original.

For example:

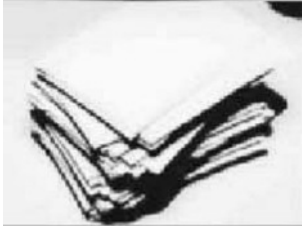
- He said the test was difficult.
- She said she watched TV every day.
- Jack said he came to school every day.



Reporting Verbs

The following chart includes sentences changed from quoted speech to reported speech using a past form. Note - Simple past, present perfect, and past perfect *all* change to past perfect in the reported form.

He said, "I live in Paris."	<i>He said he lived in Paris.</i>
He said, "I am cooking dinner."	<i>He said he was cooking dinner.</i>
He said, "I have visited London twice."	<i>He said he had visited London twice.</i>
He said, "I went to New York last week."	<i>He said he had gone to New York the week before.</i>
He said, "I had already eaten."	<i>He said he had already eaten.</i>
He said, "I am going to find a new job."	<i>He said he was going to find a new job.</i>
He said, "I will give Jack a call."	<i>He said he would give Jack a call.</i>



OTHER CHANGES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Here – There ■ This – That ■ Today – That day ■ Tonight – That night ■ Tomorrow – The next day ■ Next day – The following day ■ Yesterday – The previous day
(or)
The day before | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ These – Those ■ Now – Then ■ Thus – So ■ Ago – Before ■ Can – Could ■ Shall – Should ■ Will – Would ■ May – Might ■ Come – Go |
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CHANGES IN THE TENSE OF REPORTED CLAUSE

<u>TENSE</u>	<u>CHANGED INTO</u>
Simple present (play, plays)	→ Simple past (played)
Simple past (played)	→ Past perfect (had played)
Present cont (is playing)	→ Past cont (was playing)
Past cont (was playing)	→ Past perfect cont (had been playing)
Present perfect (have/has played)	→ Past perfect (had played)
Present perfect cont (have been/has been playing)	→ Past perfect cont (had been playing)

EXERCISE – 1

Read the conversation given below. Complete the report that follows with suitable expressions on the basis of the conversation.

Patient: Doctor, I have a terrible toothache.

Doctor: Well, sit down. I need to examine your teeth. Please open your mouth wide.

Patient: Is there any serious problem doctor?

Doctor: There is nothing serious. One of your teeth has developed a small cavity that requires filling up. That's all.

Patient: Is there anything else?

Doctor: Your teeth require cleaning too

Patient: Will the treatment be expensive?

Doctor: Well, You need not worry so much about the expenses. Try to save your teeth.

The patient told the doctor (a) _____. The doctor told him (b) _____ his teeth. He also requested him to open his mouth wide. The patient then enquired whether there was any serious problem. To this the doctor replied (c) _____. On being asked whether there was anything else as well, the doctor told the patient that his teeth required cleaning too. The patient then asked him (d) _____. The doctor told him not to (e) _____.

EXERCISE – 2:

Read the conversation given below. Write the same in a paragraph using reported speech:

Owner: You are becoming very lazy these days. Didn't I ask you to get my breakfast ready by 8' clock?

Servant: I am sorry sir. I got up very late today. That's why I couldn't prepare it on time.

Owner: Didn't you set the alarm before going to sleep?

Servant: Yes, I did sir.

Owner: Then, What happened?

Servant: I forgot to wind the clock.

