

Reported Speech

A. Turn into reported speech:

(to be)

- 1) "The pencil is on the desk" – Mark said.
- 2) "He was a doctor!" – Susan said.
- 3) "I will be a nurse in the future." – Mary said.
- 4) "I have been ill for 2 weeks!" – Henry said.
- 5) "I am being precise...!" – Ben said.

(Present Simple → Past Simple)

- 1) "I want to live in London." – Paul said.
- 2) "She knows the answer!" – David said.
- 3) "Mike smokes a lot." – Wendy said.
- 4) "I have a new car!" – Helen said.
- 5) "I go to school by bus." – Jim said.

(Present Continuous → Past Continuous)

- 1) "I am living in Paris." – Maggie said.
- 2) "Susan is playing football." – Raul said.
- 3) "They are going home." – Pam said.
- 4) "We are buying this house." Jim and Sam said.
- 5) "You are driving very well!" – Karen told me.

(Present Perfect → Past Perfect)

- 1) "I have seen this movie." – Daniel said.
- 2) "I have eaten sushi..." – Luis said.
- 3) "He has found the treasure!" – Gabriel said.
- 4) "We have given a nice present." – Kim and Carl said.
- 5) "Joe has known the editor." – Nelson said.

(Future → Conditional)

- 1) "I will leave the country." – Karen said.
- 2) "I will meet Paul." – Frank said.
- 3) "He will open the warehouse." – Tim said.
- 4) "She will park the car." – Joe said.
- 5) "His father will start the engine." – Lilian said

(Past Simple → Past Perfect)

- a) "I went to the cinema." – Vivian said.
- b) "I bought the house." – Ben said.
- c) "He forgot the keys." – Olivia said.
- d) "My son kept the car." – Karen said.
- e) "We joined the party." – Daniel said.

B. Turn into reported speech:

(to be)

- 1) "The ruler isn't on the desk" – Mark said.
- 2) "He wasn't a nurse!" – Susan said.
- 3) "I won't be a vet." – Mary said.
- 4) "I haven't been ill for a month!" – Henry said.
- 5) "I am not being funny!" – Ben said.

(Present Simple → Past Simple)

- 1) "I don't want to live in Liverpool." – Paul said.
- 2) "She doesn't know the solution!" – David said.
- 3) "Mike doesn't smoke drugs." – Wendy said.
- 4) "I haven't a new van!" – Helen said.
- 5) "I don't go to school by car." – Jim said.

(Present Continuous → Past Continuous)

- 1) "I am not living in Lisbon." – Maggie said.
- 2) "Susan isn't playing volleyball." – Raul said.
- 3) "They aren't going to the disco." – Pam said.
- 4) "We aren't buying this building." Jim and Sam said.
- 5) "You aren't driving badly!" – Karen told me.

(Present Perfect → Past Perfect)

- 1) "I haven't seen that film." – Daniel said.
- 2) "I haven't eaten pizza..." – Luis said.
- 3) "He hasn't found the key!" – Gabriel said.
- 4) "We haven't given a bad gift." – Kim and Carl said.
- 5) "Joe hasn't known the director." – Nelson said.

(Future → Conditional)

- 1) "I will not leave the city." – Karen said.
- 2) "I won't meet Sam." – Frank said.
- 3) "He won't open the coffeeshop." – Tim said.
- 4) "She will not park the bus." – Joe said.
- 5) "His father won't start the machine." – Lilian said

(Past Simple → Past Perfect)

- a) "I didn't go to the disco." – Vivian said.
- b) "I didn't buy the car." – Ben said.
- c) "He didn't forget the way." – Olivia said.
- d) "My son didn't keep the van." – Karen said.
- e) "We didn't join the group." – Daniel said.

C. Finish the sentences using Reported speech. Always change the tense, although it is sometimes not necessary.

Example: Peter: "I clean the black shoes." Peter told me that _____

Answer: Peter told me that he cleaned the black shoes.

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| a. John: "Mandy is at home." | John said that _____ |
| b. Max: "Frank often reads a book." | Max told me that _____ |
| c. Susan: "I'm watching TV." | Susan said to me that _____ |
| d. Simon: "David was ill." | Simon said that _____ |
| e. Peggy: "The girls helped in the house." | Peggy told me that _____ |
| f. Richard: "I am going to ride a skateboard." | Richard said to me that _____ |
| g. Stephen and Claire: "We have cleaned the windows." | Stephen and Claire told me that _____ |
| h. Charles: "I didn't have time to do my homework." | Charles remarked that _____ |
| i. Mrs Jones: "My mother will be 50 years old." | Mrs Jones told me that _____ |
| j. Jean: "The boss must sign the letter." | Jean said that _____ |

D. Finish the sentences using Reported speech. Always change the tense, although it is sometimes not necessary.

Example: Peter: "I cleaned the black shoes yesterday." Peter told me that _____

Answer: Peter told me that he had cleaned the black shoes the day before.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| a. Emily: "Our teacher will go to Leipzig tomorrow." | Emily said that _____ |
| b. Helen: "I was writing a letter yesterday." | Helen told me that _____ |
| c. Robert: "My father flew to Dallas last year." | Robert told me that _____ |
| d. Lisa: "Tim went to the stadium an hour ago." | Lisa said that _____ |
| e. Pam: "My mother will celebrate her birthday next weekend." | Pam said that _____ |
| f. Michael: "I am going to read a book this week." | Michael said to me that _____ |
| g. Jim and Joe: "We will do our best in the exams tomorrow." | Jim and Joe told me that _____ |
| h. Andrew: "We didn't eat fish two days ago." | Andrew remarked that _____ |
| i. Alice: "I spent all my pocket money on Monday." | Alice complained that _____ |
| j. David: "John had already gone at six." | David said that _____ |

E. Imagine you want to repeat sentences that you heard two weeks ago in another place. Rewrite the sentences in reported speech. Change pronouns and expressions of time and place where necessary.

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| a. They said, "This is our book." | They said that _____ |
| b. She said, "I went to the cinema yesterday." | She said that _____ |
| c. He said, "I am writing a test tomorrow." | He said that _____ |
| d. You said, "I will do this for him." | You said that _____ |
| e. She said, "I am not hungry now." | She said that _____ |
| f. They said, "We have never been here before." | They said that _____ |
| g. They said, "We were in London last week." | They said that _____ |
| h. He said, "I will have finished this paper by tomorrow." | He said that _____ |
| i. He said, "They won't sleep." | He said that _____ |
| j. She said, "It is very quiet here." | She said that _____ |

F. Helen talked to you about her holiday in London. Two weeks later, you met Gareth and told him about Helen. You explained exactly what she had told you.

- a. Helen: I want to tell you something about my holiday in London. She said that _____
- b. Helen: I went to London in July. She said that _____
- c. Helen: My parents went with me. She said that _____
- d. Helen: We spent three days in London. She said that _____
- e. Helen: London is a multicultural place. She said that _____
- f. Helen: I saw people of all colours. She said that _____
- g. Helen: Me and my parents visited the Tower. She said that _____
- h. Helen: One evening we went to see a musical. She said that _____
- i. Helen: I love London. She said that _____
- j. Helen: The people are so nice there. She said that _____

G. Finish the sentences using Reported speech. Always change the tense, although it is sometimes not necessary.

Example: Peter: "Clean the black shoes!" Peter told me _____

Answer: Peter told me **to clean the black shoes**.

- a. Andrew: "Clean the blue bike!" Andrew told me _____
- b. Jessica: "Write a text message!" Jessica told me _____
- c. Nelly: "Help Peter's sister!" Nelly told me _____
- d. Fred: "Wash your hands!" Fred told me _____
- e. Anna: "Open the window!" Anna told me _____
- f. Tom: "Come at 8!" Tom told me _____
- g. Teacher: "Do your homework!" The teacher told me _____
- h. Doris: "Dance with me!" Doris told me _____
- i. Sabine: "Meet Sandy at the station!" Sabine told me _____
- j. Victoria: "Check your e-mails!" Victoria told me _____

H. Finish the sentences using Reported speech. Always change the tense, although it is sometimes not necessary.

Example: Peter: "Don't clean the black shoes!" Peter told me _____

Answer: Peter told me **not to clean the black shoes**.

- a. Karen: "Don't play football in the garden!" Karen told me _____
- b. Teacher: "Don't forget your homework!" The teacher reminded me _____
- c. Mike: "Don't shout at Peter!" Mike told me _____
- d. Yvonne: "Don't talk to your neighbour!" Yvonne told me _____
- e. Denise: "Don't open the door!" Denise told me _____
- f. Marcel: "Don't sing that song!" Marcel reminded me _____
- g. Jane: "Don't watch the new film!" Jane advised me _____
- h. Walter: "Don't ring Romy on Sunday!" Walter told me _____
- i. Lisa: "Don't fly via Paris!" Lisa advised me _____
- j. Jamie: "Don't eat so much junk food!" Jamie reminded me _____