



ENGLISH

# Reported speech



What is it?

# Reported speech

We use reported speech when we want to **tell what someone said** without repeating the exact words.



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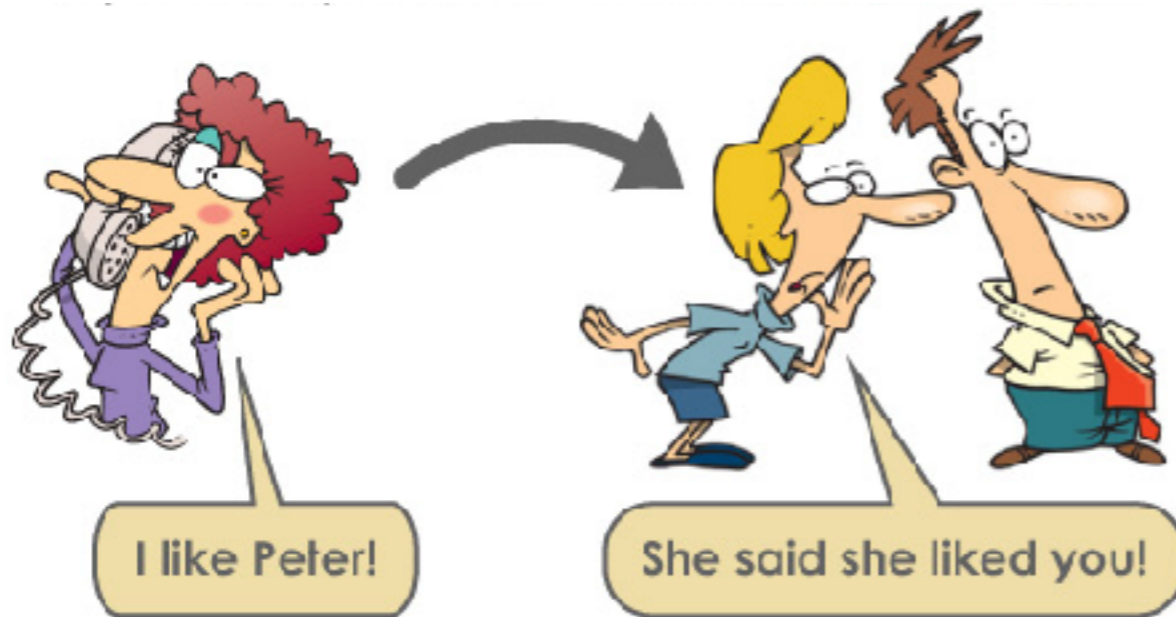


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# DIRECT SPEECH VS. REPORTED SPEECH

## DIRECT SPEECH

- Exact words
- Quotation marks “”



## REPORTED SPEECH

- Modifications  
(Pronouns, verbs, time and place expressions)
- NO quotation marks
- Introductory verb

# Reported speech

How do we **form** the reported speech?



# Reported speech

Direct speech

**“I never eat meat here”, said John.**

# Reported speech

Direct speech

**“I never eat meat here”, said John.**

1. Identify type of sentence:

- Statement
- Question
- Orders, requests
- Suggestions

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

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# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

**“I never eat meat here”, said John.**

2. Write the  
introductory or  
reporting sentence

# Reported speech: statement

The two most common reporting verbs are **TELL** and **SAY**.

**TELL**: needs and object, usually a person.  
(David told me...)

**SAY**: does not usually have an object. If we use an object with say, we introduce it with **TO**  
(David said **to** me...)

# Right or Wrong ???





Jane said us she couldn't walk  
any further



Jane said us she couldn't walk  
any further



David said **to** us he couldn't  
do his homework



Jane told she couldn't walk  
any further



Jane told she couldn't walk  
any further





Jane told **us** she couldn't walk  
any further

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

**“I never eat meat here”, said John.**



**John said (that)**

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

**“I never eat meat here”, said John.**



**John said (that)**

3. Modify:  
**PRONOUNS**

# Pronoun changes in reported speech

Direct speech	Reported speech
<b>I</b>	<b>He / she</b>
<b>You</b>	<b>I / we (you)</b>
<b>He / she / it / they</b>	<b>He / she / it / they</b>
<b>We</b>	<b>They</b>

# Possessive changes in reported speech

<b>Direct speech</b>	<b>Reported speech</b>
<b>Me</b>	<b>him / her</b>
<b>My</b>	<b>his / her</b>
<b>Your</b>	<b>my / our</b>
<b>Us</b>	<b>Them</b>
<b>Our</b>	<b>Their</b>

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

**“I never eat meat here”, said John.**



**John said (that)**

3. Modify:  
**PRONOUNS**

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

**“I never eat meat here”, said John.**



**John said (that) he**

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

“I never **eat** meat here”, said John.



John said (that) he

4. Modify:  
**VERBS**



# Tense changes in reported speech

<b>Direct speech</b>	<b>Reported speech</b>
<b>Present simple</b>	<b>Past simple</b>
<b>Present continuous</b>	<b>Past Continuous</b>
<b>-Past simple -Present perfect simple</b>	<b>Past perfect</b>
<b>-Past continuous -Present perfect continuous</b>	<b>Past perfect continuous</b>
<b>Am/is/are going to</b>	<b>was/were going to</b>
<b>can, will, must</b>	<b>could, would, had to</b>

# Tense changes in reported speech

Some verb forms don't change:

- Past perfect
- Modal verbs: could, would, should and mustn't

ATTENTION!

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

“I never **eat** meat here”, said John.



John said (that) he

4. Modify:  
**VERBS**

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

“I never **eat** meat here”, said John.



John said (that) he never **ate**

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

**“I never eat meat here”, said John.**



**John said (that) he never ate meat**

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

**“I never eat meat here”, said John.**



**John said (that) he never**

5. Modify:  
TIME / PLACE  
EXPRESSIONS

# Time and place expressions changes in reported speech

Direct speech	Reported speech
Today	that day
Tonight	that night
Tomorrow	the next day / the following day
next (week, month, etc)	the next / following (week, month, etc)
Ago	before
yesterday	the day before / the previous day
Last (week, month...)	the last / previous (week, month...)
now	then
here	there
this (place)	that (place)

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

**“I never eat meat here”, said John.**



**John said (that) he never**

5. Modify:  
TIME / PLACE  
EXPRESSIONS



# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

“I never eat meat **here**”, said John.



John said (that) he never

5. Modify:  
TIME / PLACE  
EXPRESSIONS

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

**“I never eat meat **here**”, said John.**



**John said (that) he never ate meat**

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

**“I never eat meat here”, said John.**

Reported speech

**John said he never ate meat **there**.**

# Reported speech: statement

Direct speech

**“I never eat meat here”, said John.**

Reported speech

**John said he never ate meat there.**

# Reported speech: statement

Peter said, “**I took** the dog home with  
**me**”



# Reported speech: statement

**Peter said, “I took the dog home with  
me”**



**Peter said (that) **he had taken** the dog  
home with **him**.**

# Reported speech: statement

Peter said, “**I would like to see it  
tomorrow**”



# Reported speech: statement

**Peter said, “I would like to see it  
tomorrow”**



**Peter said (that) **he** would like to see it  
**the following day****



# Reported speech

1. “He works in a bank”, Carol said.
2. “We went out last night”, Monica told me.
3. “I’m coming!”, David said.
4. “I was waiting for the bus when he arrived”, Charles told me.
5. “ I’d never been there before”, Beth said.

# Reported speech

6. “I didn’t go to the party”, Susan told me.
7. “Lucy’ll come later”, Peter said.
8. “He hasn’t eaten breakfast”, Jane told me.
9. “I can help you tomorrow”, John said.
10. “You should go to bed early”, Mary told me.

# Reported speech

11. “I don’t like chocolate”, Kate told me

12. “I won’t see you tomorrow”, William said.

13. “She’s living in Paris for a few months”, the teacher said.

14. “I visited my parents at the weekend”, Ben told me.

15. “She hasn’t eaten sushi before”, Rachel said.

# Reported speech

16. “I hadn’t travelled by underground before I came to London”, she said.

17. “They would help if they could”, Aileen said.

18. “I’ll do the washing-up later”, Thomas said

19. “He could read when he was three”, Jeffrey said

20. “I was sleeping when Julie called”, Johnny told me

# Reported speech

21. "The boss must sign the letter", Jean said.

22. "Our teacher will go to Madrid tomorrow", Emily said.

23. "I was writing a letter yesterday", Helen told me.

24. "Tim went to the Stadium yesterday", Peter said.

25. "My mother will celebrate her birthday next week", Paul told me.



# REPORTED SPEECH: Questions

Miss Doyle was faced with a crowd of reporters yesterday. They asked her **why she wanted to move to Paris** and **whether she was leaving** the show. They also wanted to know **who her new agent was** – but she remained silent, and was quickly driven away from the studio.



# REPORTED SPEECH: Questions

When we report a question, we change the **word order** of the question - it becomes the same word order as a statement (Subject - verb- object)





# REPORTED SPEECH: Questions



We make the same changes in **pronouns**, **tenses** and **time and place expressions** as for reported statements

# REPORTED SPEECH: Questions



# REPORTED SPEECH: Questions

**DON'T** USE QUESTION MARKS



# REPORTED SPEECH: Questions



1. Identify the type of question:
  - YES / NO question
  - Open question

# Reporting verbs: questions



2. Write the corresponding introductory sentence for a question.

The two most common reporting verbs are **ASK** and **WANT TO KNOW**.

ASK: can be followed by an object

Want to know: cannot be followed by an object

# REPORTED SPEECH: Questions



3. Add:

- YES / NO question —> If /  
Whether

- Open question —> Wh- word

# REPORTED SPEECH: Questions

**The flight attendant said: “Could you fasten your seat belts, please?”**



# REPORTED SPEECH: Questions

**The flight attendant said: “Could you fasten your seat belts, please?”**



**The flight attendant asked **IF** we could fasten our seat belts.**



# REPORTED SPEECH: Questions

**Peter said: “What do you want?”**



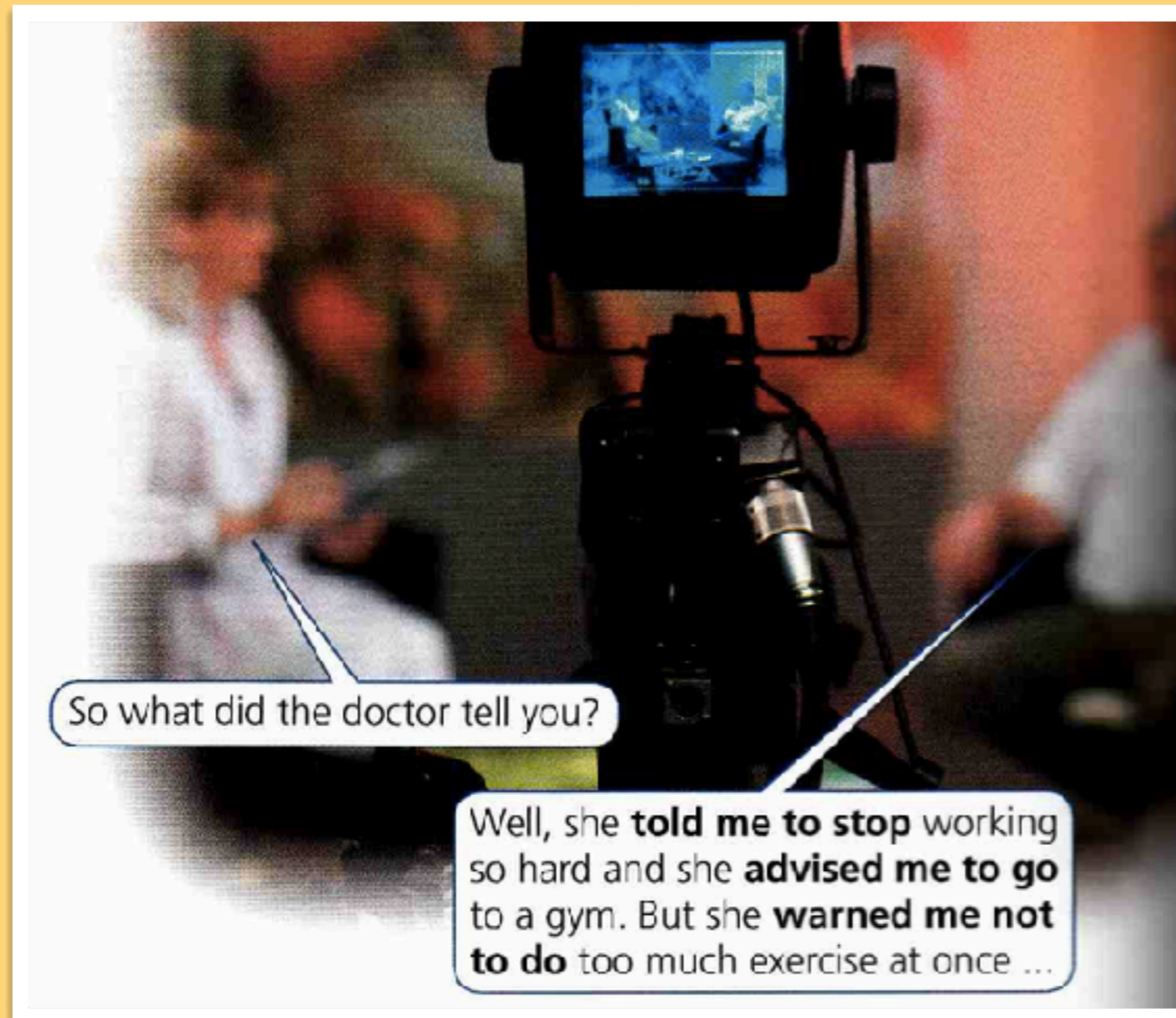
# REPORTED SPEECH: Questions

**Peter said: “What do you want?”**



**Peter asked (them) **what** they wanted.**

# REPORTED SPEECH: ORDERS, REQUEST AND ADVICES



# REPORTED SPEECH: Orders, requests and advices

We can report orders, requests and advices with a **reporting verb + infinitive with to**.

These reporting verbs all need an object.



# Reporting verbs:

## Orders, requests and advices

Orders: tell, order

Requests: ask, beg

Advices: advice, tell, warn



We don't use *say + to* to report requests or orders: ~~*X My mother said me to tidy my room.*~~

To request information, we use *ask (+ object) + if/whether/wh-* word:

*He asked (me) if I had everything I needed.*

# REPORTED SPEECH: Orders, requests and advices

**Sarah said, “Help me”**



# REPORTED SPEECH: Orders, requests and advices

**Sarah said, “Help me”**



**Sarah told me **TO** help her**

# REPORTED SPEECH: Orders, requests and advices

We can report negative orders, requests and advices with a **reporting verb + NOT + infinitive with to**.

The teacher told us not to copy



# REPORTED SPEECH:

**Orders, requests and advices**

**My mum said, “Don’t leave your room!”**



# REPORTED SPEECH:

**Orders, requests and advices**

**My mum said, “Don’t leave your room!”**



**My mum ordered me **NOT TO** leave my  
room**

# Other reporting verbs: orders, requests and advices

<b>Verb + object TO inf.</b>	<b>tell, advice, ask, order, warn</b>
<b>Verb + TO inf.</b>	<b>agree, decide, offer, promise, refuse,</b>
<b>Verb + v-ing</b>	<b>suggest, recommend</b>

# REPORTED SPEECH:

## Orders, requests and advices

**Elizabeth suggested, “Shall we meet  
at the theatre?”**



# REPORTED SPEECH:

## Orders, requests and advices

**Elizabeth suggested, “Shall we meet at the theatre?”**



**Elizabeth suggested meeting at the theatre.**