

REPORTED SPEECH

(with reporting verb in the **past**)

1. Changes in the verb tenses

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Simple present	Simple Past
Present Continuous	Past Continuous
Simple Past	Past Perfect (had + past part.)
Past Continuous	Past Perfect Continuous
Present Perfect	Past Perfect
Past Perfect	Past Perfect
Future "will"	Present Conditional ("would")
To be (am,are,is) going to	To be (was, were) going to
Present Conditional ("would")	Present Conditional ("would")
Past Conditional	Past Conditional
Imperative	Present Infinitive
Present Infinitive	Past Infinitive
Past Infinitive	Past Infinitive
Can/Could	Could
Must	Had to (=obblighi, doveri, ordini)
	Must (=obbligo permanente, divieto, deduzione)
Have to	Had to
Shall/Should	Should
May/Might	Might

2. Changes in time and place expressions

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
now	then
today	that day
tomorrow	the next day /the following day /the day after
yesterday	the day before/the previous day
last (week, month, year...)	the (week, month...) before/the previous (week, month...)
a (week, month, year...) ago	
tomorrow	the next /the following (day, week, month, year...)
next (week, month, year...)	
here/there	there

3. Changes in pronouns and adjectives

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
I – me – we – us	he/she – him/her – they – them
my – mine – our – ours	his/her – his/hers – their – theirs
this/that – these/those	that – those

ex. (1) Jim said: "**I met your** sister **here yesterday**."

*Jim said that **he had met my** sister **there the day before**.*

ex. (2) Jenny asked: "**Will you be** home **tonight**?"

*Jenny asked **if /whether I would be** home **that night**.*

ex. (3) John inquired: "**What are you doing** next Sunday?"

*John inquired what **we were doing the following Sunday**.*