

# 69 What other people said

We call the words that people say direct speech. If you want to tell someone what another person has said, it is called reported speech.

- New language** Reported speech
- Aa Vocabulary** Work and education
- New skill** Talking about people's lives

## 69.1 KEY LANGUAGE REPORTED SPEECH

In reported speech, the main verb usually "goes back" a tense. For example, the present simple changes to the past simple.



I **feel** sick.

Direct speech uses the present simple.



Luke said that he **felt** sick. I hope he's OK.

Reported speech uses the past simple here.

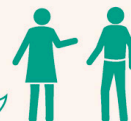


## 69.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES REPORTED SPEECH



Your house **is** really beautiful.

She said our house **was** really beautiful.



Your suit **looks** great.

He said that my suit **looked** great.



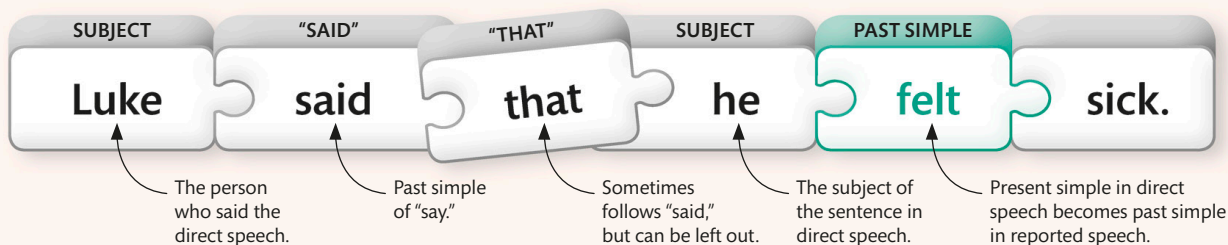
### TIP

You can leave out "that" after "said" in reported speech.



## 69.3 HOW TO FORM REPORTED SPEECH

The main verb in reported speech is usually "said." The rest of the sentence is usually in the past tense.





## 69.4 REWRITE THE SENTENCES USING REPORTED SPEECH

I live in San Diego.

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He said that he lived in San Diego.

1 I usually cycle to work.

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She \_\_\_\_\_

2 I'm a chef in a busy restaurant.

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He \_\_\_\_\_

3 I'm married, and I have two children.

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She \_\_\_\_\_

4 My wife is an English teacher.

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He \_\_\_\_\_

5 I want to have my own restaurant.

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She \_\_\_\_\_



## 69.5 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Yesterday, Maya met Alfonso at a college reunion.

What did Alfonso say that he wanted to do next year?

Take a long vacation ☐

Buy a new car ☐

Get a new job ☒

1 What did Alfonso say was good about Roberto's house from his point of view?

It's a bargain ☐

There's room for a studio ☐

It's a beautiful house ☐

2 What did Cara say she wanted to do with the attic?

Turn it into an office ☐

Turn it into a spare room ☐

Turn it into a studio ☐

3 What did Jan say had happened to Maya?

She had sold all her paintings ☐

She had gone to New York ☐

Her exhibition had gone well ☐

4 What did Alfonso say when he heard Maya's news?

He loved her photos ☐

He wanted to buy a photo ☐

Her news was exciting ☐

## 69.6 KEY LANGUAGE REPORTED SPEECH IN DIFFERENT TENSES

The tense in reported speech is usually one tense back in time from the tense in direct speech.

**I'm working** in New York.

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

She said **she was working** in New York.

PAST CONTINUOUS

**I've been** to China twice.

PRESENT PERFECT

He said that **he'd been** to China twice.

PAST PERFECT

**I will call** you soon.

FUTURE WITH "WILL"

He said **he would call** them soon.

MODAL VERB "WOULD"

**We can speak** Japanese.

MODAL VERB "CAN"

They said that **they could speak** Japanese.

MODAL VERB "COULD"



## 69.7 KEY LANGUAGE REPORTED SPEECH AND THE PAST SIMPLE

The past simple in direct speech can either stay as the past simple or change to the past perfect in reported speech. The meaning is the same.

**I arrived** in Delhi on Saturday.

DIRECT SPEECH  
WITH PAST SIMPLE

He said **he arrived** in Delhi on Saturday.

He said **he'd arrived** in Delhi on Saturday.

REPORTED SPEECH WITH  
PAST SIMPLE OR PAST PERFECT





## 69.8 READ THE ARTICLE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN FULL SENTENCES

### TEACHING TODAY

# Teaching in Swaziland

Maria Colston, an experienced teacher, takes a working vacation in Africa.

“I’m working in Swaziland, where I’ve visited five different schools so far. I have already learned so much! It’s a great opportunity to be able to watch these talented teachers. They work miracles in their classrooms every day. They don’t have the resources we take for granted in my school at home, but they really inspire their students. Next week I’m planning to give a workshop for all the teachers that I’ve met here. I really hope they’ll enjoy it.”

Where did Maria say she was working?

*Maria said she was working in Swaziland.*

1 What did Maria say she had visited?

\_\_\_\_\_

2 What did Maria say was a great opportunity?

\_\_\_\_\_

3 What did Maria say the teachers did every day?

\_\_\_\_\_

4 What did Maria say she was planning to do?

\_\_\_\_\_

5 What did Maria say she hoped would happen?

\_\_\_\_\_



## 69.9 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD AS REPORTED SPEECH

I’ll visit you on Sunday.

She *said that she would visit me on Sunday.*

1 I’m looking for a new job.

He \_\_\_\_\_

2 I really enjoyed the party.

You \_\_\_\_\_

3 We’ve just been swimming.

They \_\_\_\_\_

4 I can play the piano quite well.

She \_\_\_\_\_

5 I’ve brought some presents for the children.

You \_\_\_\_\_

6 I’m going to write a novel.

He \_\_\_\_\_

### 69 CHECKLIST



Reported speech ☐

Aa Work and education ☐



Talking about people’s lives ☐