**REPORTED SPEECH**

With REPORTED SPEECH you generally inform someone else of what other people just said, ordered, suggested, offered, asked... This speech is often done in a different place and usually on a different day so you need to make some changes: 1. PRONOUNS / 2. VERB TENSES / 3. WORDS REFERRING TO A PARTICULAR TIME OR PLACE

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### REPORTED STATEMENTS

**REPORTING VERB + (OBJ) + (THAT) + SENTENCE WITH THE NECESSARY CHANGES**

"I won't go to the park tomorrow", he said to me.
He said to me (that) he wouldn't go to the park the next day.

### REPORTED QUESTIONS

1. **YES/NO QUESTIONS**
   - REPORTING VERB + (OBJ) + IF/WHETHER + SENTENCE (not in the interrogative form)

2. **WH- QUESTIONS**
   - REPORTING VERB + (OBJ) + WH- + SENTENCE (not in the interrogative form)

   1. “Are you hungry?” She asked.  
      She asked me if I was hungry.
   2. “How old are you?” She asked.  
      He wanted to know how old I was.

### REPORTED COMMANDS

**REPORTING VERB + (OBJ) + TO (NOT TO) + INFINITIVE**

1. “Sit down!, the teacher told me.”  
   The teacher told me to sit down.
2. “Don't speak so fast,” He begged me.  
   He begged me not to speak so fast.

### REPORTED SUGGESTIONS

- **REPORTING VERB + THAT + FINITE VERB**
  - SHOULDN'T + INFINITIVE + GERUND
  - "Why don't we go to the park?" he suggested.
  - He suggested that we go to the park we should go to the park going to the park.

### IMPERSONAL REPORTS

We can report what people generally say or think using **PASSIVE REPORT VERBS**. There are two structures:

1. **IT + BE + PAST PARTICIPLE + THAT CLAUSE**
2. **SUBJECT + BE + PAST PARTICIPLE + TO + INFINITIVE**

   People say he is a thief!
   1) It is said/know/ that he is a thief.
   2) He is said/know/ believed to be a thief.

### REPORTING VERBS

1. **FOR STATEMENTS**
   - SAID TO SB THAT...
   - TOLD SB THAT.../TO + INF
   - BOASTED TO
   - ASSURED SB THAT...
   - REMARKED THAT...
   - MENTIONED THAT...
   - COMMENTED THAT...
   - ADMITTED THAT...
   - DENIED THAT.../GERUND
   - APOLOGIZE FOR + GERUND
   - PROMISED TO + INF

2. **FOR QUESTIONS**
   - ASKED SB IF/WH - ENQUIRED
   - WONDERED
   - WANTED TO KNOW
   - WAS CURIOUS TO KNOW

3. **FOR COMMANDS**
   - ORDERED SB TO + INF
   - ASK SB TO + INF
   - TOLD SB TO + INF
   - REQUESTED
   - BEGGED SB TO + INF
   - ORDERED SB TO + INF
   - SHOUTED TO SB + INF
   - SCREAMED AT SB

4. **FOR OFFERS AND SUGGESTIONS**
   - OFFERED SB TO + INF
   - SUGGESTED + THAT...

### QUESTIONS

1. “Are you leaving tomorrow?”. He asked her.
2. “Can you help me with my homework?” My brother asked me.
3. “Is he coming tomorrow?”. He asked me.
4. “When did my phone ring?”. My flat mate asked.
5. “Where have you been lately?” Ann wanted to know.
6. “Did you pass the exam?” I asked Joe.
7. “Would you like a cup of tea?” she asked them.

### COMMANDS / SUGGESTIONS / OFFERS

1. “Wait outside. I'll tell you when to come in”. He told the boys.
2. “We could go to see a film tonight”. She suggested.
3. “Don't leave the vase on the table”. She told us.
4. Shall I make you a cup of coffee? She offered.
5. “Let's have dinner at home instead of going out” Ann suggested.
6. “How about rating a canoe?” he said.
7. “Let's go for a swim!” he said.
8. “Don't talk to her like that”, she said to me.
1. ‘You can’t park here.’ The police officer told Jack.
2. ‘I’ll see you in the morning, Helen.’ Peter told Helen.
3. ‘I’m taking the 5:30 train tomorrow evening.’ Janet said.
4. ‘The trousers have to be ready this afternoon.’ Paul told the dry-cleaners.
5. ‘I left my umbrella here two days ago.’ Susan told them.
6. ‘The parcel ought to be here by the end of next week.’ Brian said.
7. ‘I like this hotel very much.’ Diana told me.
8. ‘I think it’s going to rain tonight.’ William said.
9. ‘What time does the film start, Peter?’ I asked.
10. ‘Do you watch television every evening, Chris?’ The interviewer asked.
11. ‘Why did you apply for this job?’ asked the sales manager. The sales manager asked me.
12. ‘Are you taking much money with you to France?’ My bank manager wanted to know.
13. ‘How does the photocopier work?’ I asked the salesman.
14. ‘Have you ever been to Japan, Paul?’ Sue asked Paul.
15. ‘Sue, can you remember to buy some bread?’ Paul reminded Sue.

**Rewrite in the following sentences in reported speech using one of the following reporting verbs**

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a) ‘No, it’s not true, I didn’t steal the money!’ said Jean.

b) ‘Why don’t we go to the cinema this evening?’ said Peter.

c) ‘Yes, of course. I’ll give you a lift, Helen’ said Liz.

d) ‘I’ve broken your pen. I’m awfully sorry, Jack.’ said David.

e) ‘Don’t forget to post my letter, will you, Sue?’ said Diana.

f) ‘Let me carry your suitcase, John.’ Harry said.

g) ‘All right, it’s true, I was nervous.’ The actor said.

h) ‘I don’t think Liverpool will win.’ Vanessa said.

i) ‘If I were you, Bill, I’d buy a mountain bike.’ Stephen said.


k) ‘It was me who stole the money.’ said Jim.

l) ‘Right, I’ll take the brown pair.’ said Andrew.

m) ‘No, no, you really must have another drink!’ Dick said.

n) ‘You murdered Lord Digby, didn’t you, Colin?’ said the inspector.

o) ‘I’ve broken your pen. I’m awfully sorry, Jack.’ said David.

p) ‘No, sorry, I don’t want to lend you my camera.’ said Alex.

q) ‘Don’t play near the road, Jimmy.’ Said Jimmy’s mother.

r) ‘Get off the grass immediately!’ he said to the kids.

s) ‘I really think you should see a doctor, Chris.’ said William.

t) ‘No, I’m sorry, I won’t work on Saturday. Definitely not!’ said Catherine.

u) ‘Let’s go out to the pub for lunch, shall we?’ said Wendy.

**Rewrite each sentence as indirect speech, beginning as shown.**

1. ‘I like this picture.’ He said.

2. ‘Where have you parked your car?’ She asked me.

3. ‘I don’t feel like going out tonight,’ she said.

4. ‘Say hello to Paul,’ They asked me.

5. ‘Don’t play near the lake, boys,’ she said.

6. ‘Where have you been all night?’ She asked him.

7. ‘I am quite good at drawing,’ He said.

8. ‘Has she met Ian?’ He wondered.

9. ‘I was so tired that I couldn’t sleep’ She said.

10. ‘Be careful with the matches, Ann,’ She told Ann.

11. ‘I will get some food, I’m starving’ She said.

12. ‘Why haven’t you phoned me?’ He wondered.

13. ‘I cannot drive them home,’ He said.

14. ‘Peter, do you prefer tea or coffee?’ She asked Peter.

15. ‘Where did you spend your holidays last year?’ She asked.

16. ‘Don’t go too far.’ He advised her.

17. ‘We’re meeting John next weekend,’ she said to me.

18. ‘Don’t get home late tonight, Jimmy.’ Jimmy’s mother asked him.

**Write in the most suitable verb in the correct form**


1. ‘Stop worrying so much,’ he __________ her. “Everything will be ok.”

2. A: Why are you home so late? B: My boss ___________ that I stay until I’d finished the report she needs for tomorrow. A: Well, you can’t ___________. You knew that you would have to work hard if you took this job.

3. The American and British governments ___________ a lot of people that Israel was developing weapons of mass destruction ( nuclear bombs) so they invaded the country. They were wrong.

4. The student ___________ her teacher that she would be late the next day.

5. He called his wife to tell her that he had been involved in a car accident, ___________ her that he wasn’t badly hurt.

6. She ___________ her students to stop messing around and wasting time as they only had a few more months to improve their English (!)

7. A: Where are you off to? B: I’m going round to Bill’s place. A: I thought you were going to stay home tonight? B: Well, I was but he ___________ me to go and see him.

8. He ___________ that he hadn’t been telling the truth.

9. A: Who are you talking to? B: I’m ___________ our reservation for tonight.

10. A: Did she tell you that she’s getting divorced? B: She ___________ it when we were talking about Ann’s wedding, I was so surprised.

11. During the convention he ___________ that he was retiring next year, after 25 years service. He ___________ that he would be very sad to leave the company and ___________ that he had been having health problems recently.

12. He ___________ that it was an accident and he never meant to break it but I’m not so sure.