

Unit 5: Earth's Resources

Reported Speech

Reporting statements:

A **statement sentence** declares a fact, an opinion or an idea and ends with a full stop.

It never asks a question, gives a command or makes a request.

For example: **"I don't like going out late at night."**

Now, look at this picture:

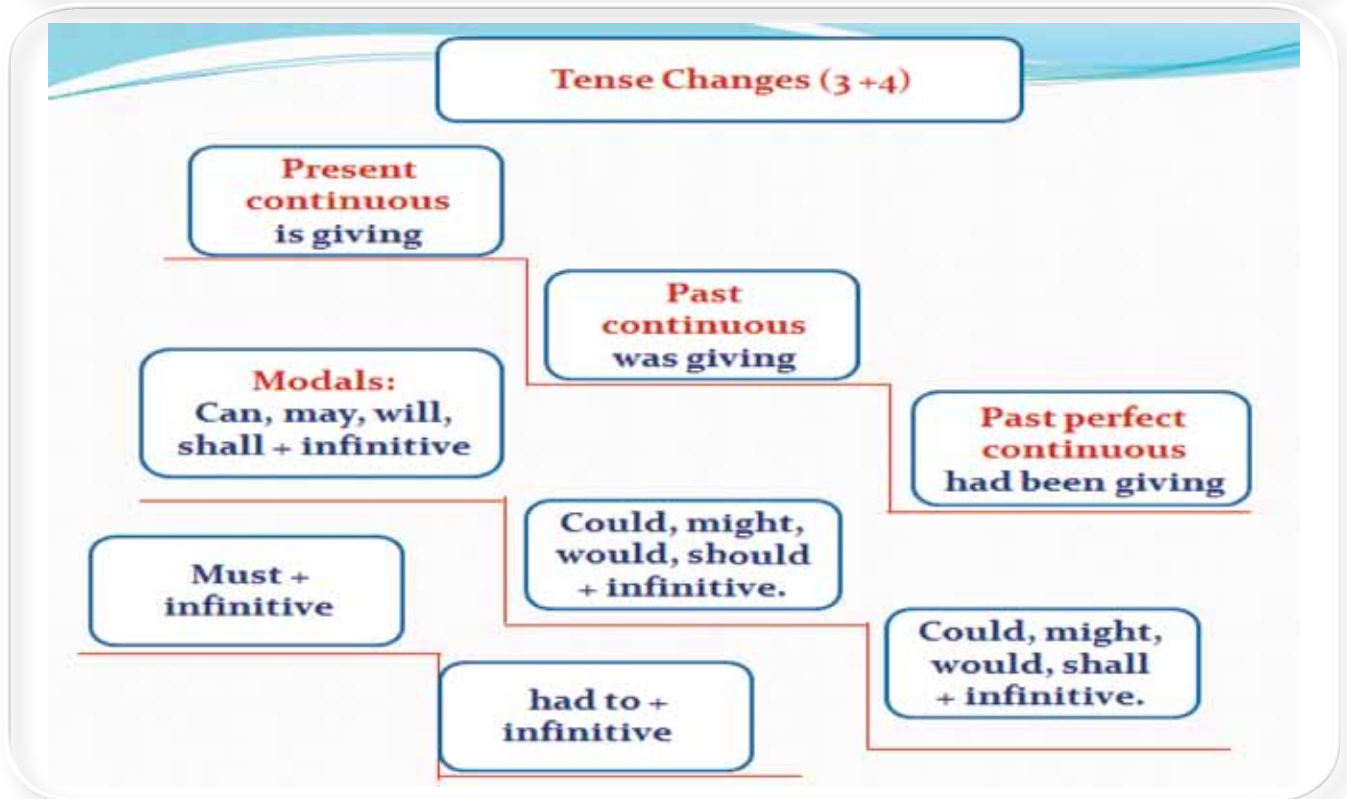
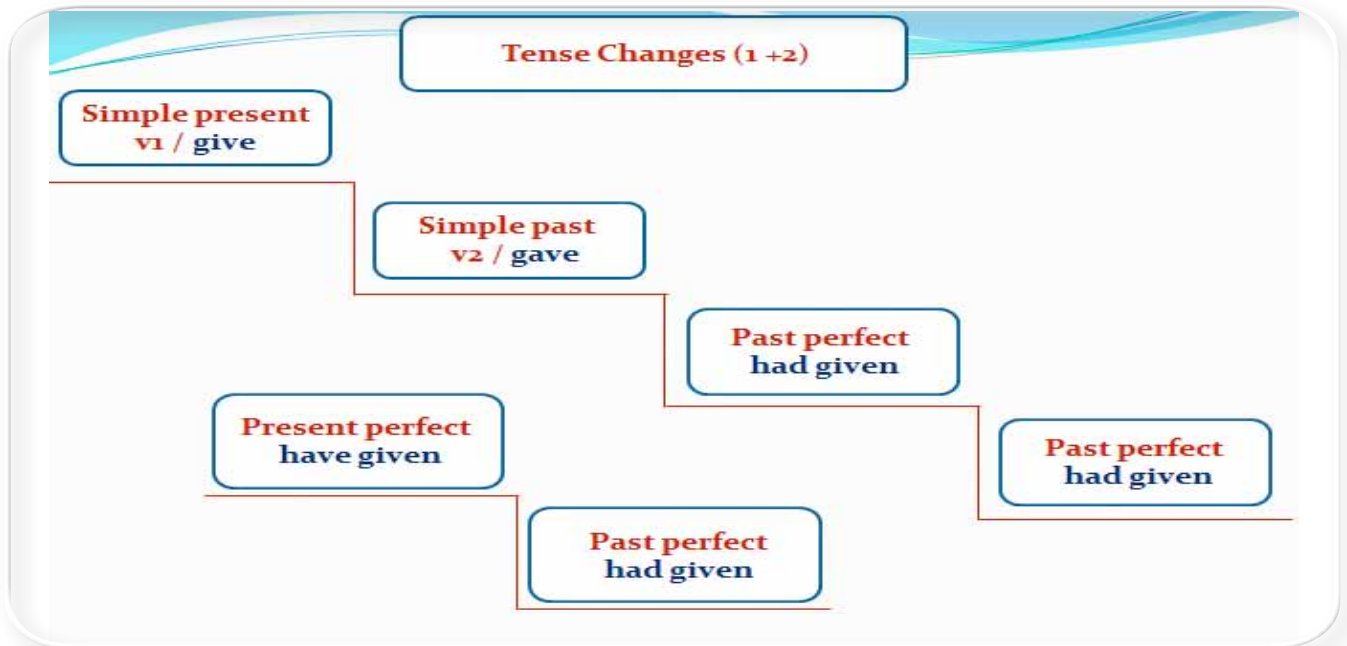


We use **reported speech** to tell someone what someone else has said in the past.

In **reported speech**, we need to make some changes to a sentence:

- We have to change **the verb tense** (that means 'further back' in the past.) This is called 'backshift'.
- We also need to change other words (if found in a sentence) like **pronouns and adverbs of time and place**.
- In reported speech, we use **said** (or other reporting verb) + (that) to introduce what the person said.

First: Tense changes:



Examples:

- "Nader **is** doing the project with his friend." (direct speech)

The teacher said (that) Nader **was** doing the project with his friend. (reported speech)

- "The manager **will** take the files as soon as possible." (direct speech)

Laila said (that) the manager **would** take the files as soon as possible. (reported speech)

Second: pronouns changes:

Pronouns changes in reported speech

Direct speech pronoun	Reported speech Pronoun
I	He\ She
My	His\ Her
Me	Him\ Her
We	They
Our	Their
Us	Them
We	They
Our	Their
Us	Them

"I lost my passport in the airport."

Ali said that **he had lost his** passport in the airport.

"I can take **my** bag to the party."

Sawsan said that **she could** take **her** bag to the party.

Third: Time reference and demonstrative pronouns changes:

Time reference change in reported speech	
Direct speech	Reported speech
Now	Then
At the moment	At that moment
Today	That day
Yesterday	The day before.\ the previous day
Last (week\ month\ year)	The (week/ month \year) before.\ The previous (week/ month \year)
Tomorrow	The following day.\ The day after
Next (week\month\year)	The following (week\month\year)\ The (week\month\year) after
Here	There
This	That
These	Those
Ago	Before
Tonight	That night

Example:

1. “**We are** working **here** in **this** lab.”

Ali said (that) **they were** working **there** in **that** lab.

2. “**I am** using **these** tools today.”

Hadeel said (that) **she was** using **those** tools **that day**.

Exercise 1:

Rewrite the following sentences, so the new sentence has a similar meaning to the one before:

1. "**I have** borrowed five books so far."

Huda said (that)

2. "**I have** some cookies for the children."

Ali said that

3. "**I was** preparing for the interview in the university."

Hadeel said (that)

4. "**I can't** swim in the sea."

She said that

5. "**We are** studying reported speech."

The teacher said that

6. "**You** have to call your parents at 10:00 pm."

Adnan told **Ali** that

7. "The manager **has** to give **you** a chance. "

Salwa told **Hassan** that