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Reported Statements

- ◆ In reported speech personal pronouns, possessive adjectives/possessive pronouns change according to the meaning of the sentence.

e.g. *Sam said, 'I'm leaving for Germany with my family tomorrow.'*

Sam said (that) he was leaving for Germany with his family the following day.

We can report someone's words either a long time after they were said (out-of-date-reporting) or a short time after they were said (up-to-date-reporting).

1. Changing the pronouns:

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| subject | I → he, she | حسب المتكلم |
| | we → they | |
| Object | You → he, she, they, I, we | حسب المخاطب |
| | Me → him, her | حسب المتكلم |
| | Us → them | |
| | You → him, her, them, me, us | حسب المخاطب |
| | My → his, her | حسب المتكلم |
| | Our → their | |
| | Your → his, her, their, my, our | حسب المخاطب |

2. Tense

We usually report someone's words a long time after they were said. In this case the introductory verb is in the past simple and the tenses change as follows:

direct speech

present simple

'I want to go to bed early,' he said.

present continuous

'She's feeding the baby,' he said.

present perfect

'I've bought a new dress,' she said.

past simple

'I finished work early,' Alex said.

past continuous

'I was planning to call you later,' she said.

future (will)

'I'll talk to you tomorrow,' she said.

reported speech

past simple

He said (that) he wanted to go to bed early.

past continuous

He said (that) she was feeding the baby.

past perfect

She said (that) she had bought a new dress.

past perfect

Alex said (that) he had finished work early.

past perfect continuous

She said (that) she had been planning to call me later.

conditional (would)

She said (that) she would talk to me the next day.

- ◆ The past perfect and past perfect continuous remain the same.

direct speech: *'The film had finished by the time I got home,' he said.*

reported speech: *He said (that) the film had finished by the time he got home.*

3. ◆ Certain words and time expressions change according to the meaning of the sentence as follows:

now → then, at that time, immediately

today, tonight → that day, that night

yesterday → the day before, the previous day

tomorrow → the next day, the following day

this week → that week

last week → the week before, the previous week

next week → the week after, the following week

two days ago → two days before

here → there

come → go

- ◆ Certain modal verbs change in reported speech as follows:

will/shall → would

may → might

can → could

must → had to (obligation)

shall → should (asking for advice)

- ◆ *Would, could, might, should, ought, had better and mustn't* do not change in reported speech.

| direct speech | reported speech |
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| He said, 'I'll have some tea.' | He said (that) he would have some tea. |
| He said, 'She can type fast.' | He said (that) she could type fast. |
| He said, 'I can talk to you tomorrow.' | He said (that) he could talk to me the next day. (it refers to the future) |
| He said, 'They may come home.' | He said (that) they might come home. |
| He said, 'What shall I tell her?' | He asked what he should tell her. |
| He said, 'You must stay in.' | He said (that) I had to stay in. |

