

The Primary Stage of Grades (4-5) School Year 2022 - 2023

Name: _____ Subject: Grammar Worksheet “ Reported Speech”

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*We use reported speech to tell someone what another person said.
You can say what someone else said, or report what you said

For examples:

Direct speech: “I’m stuck!”

Reported Speech: She said that she was stuck.

What is the difference between direct and reported (indirect) speech?

Direct Speech: is the exact words someone used. We use quotation marks (“ ”) in direct speech.

Example:

“It’s nice to be home,” said Tom.

Or

Tom said, “It’s nice to be home”.

Reported Speech: is the exact meaning of what someone said, but not the exact words.

We do not use quotation marks “...” in reported speech.

We can use the word **that** after the reporting verb (say, tell) or we can omit it.

Example:

“ I have a cat,” Susan said to me.

Susan said to me (that) she had a cat.

Exercise #1:

Decide whether the following is direct or reported.

1. Susan said that she was very tired. **Reported**
2. “I want to find a better job”, said Hashim. **Direct**

3. "I want to find a better job", said Alex. **Direct**
4. They said that Mark left the country. **Reported**
5. He said that they were playing Volleyball. **Reported**
6. "I'll send you a letter," he said. **Direct**
7. Andrea said the novel was really interesting. **Reported**
8. She said she was really tired. **Reported**
9. "Sam can play with you today," Mrs. Groban told me. **Direct**
10. "We may see a movie later," Ellen said. **Direct**
11. Dan said they would be quite tired when they finished. **Reported**

Say or Tell

We use the verb (Tell) without the preposition (to):

both in direct and reported speech when it is followed by the person we are talking to :

Example:

Jerry told me, "I need some money".

Jerry told me (that) he needed some money.

Not: Jerry told to me

We use the verb (Say)

* both in direct and reported speech without the preposition (to) when it is not followed by the person being spoken to.

For example:

Jerry said, "I need some money".

Jerry said (that) he needed some money.

Exercise #2

Complete the sentences using (said) or (told).

1. Julie **said** that she would join us after work.
2. Sue **told** me that she was going running.
3. We **said** that we were going on holiday the following week.
4. Jimmy **told** my mother he would be in Spain this week.
5. She **said** that she loved chocolate.
6. They **told** us they were going to the museum this afternoon.
7. The boss **told** me that I should do some more work on this report.

When we report statements (that is, a positive or negative sentence), we use the verb "say" or "tell" to introduce the statement.

Pronouns and possessive adjectives change according to the meaning.

For examples:

- "I am leaving for Germany with my family tomorrow," said Sam.

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

- "I am tired," said Joe.

Joe said (that) he was tired.

- "I am studying English," Omar told Alex.

Omar told Alex (that) he was studying English.

- "We are going to the mall," Jordan said to me.

Jordan said to me (that) they were going to the mall.

When we report statement, we change the tenses.

Direct	Reported
Present Simple	Past Simple
Present Continuous	Past Continuous
Will	Would
Can	Could
May	Might

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

Now	then
Today	that day
Tomorrow	the following day
Next week	the week after
Now	then

Present simple → Past Simple

“I want to go to bed early,” he said

He said that he wanted to go to bed early.

Present Continuous → Past Continuous

“Sally is feeding the baby,” said she.

She said that Sally was feeding the baby.

Will → would

“I will talk to you tomorrow,” she said.

She said that she would talk to me the following day.

Exercise #3: Circle the correct verb

1. “I want to help.”

Mark said that he **want/ wanted** to help.

2. “We can’t help.”

Jordan said that they **can’t/ couldn’t** help.

3. “The dolphins are calling for help.”

Jonathan said that the dolphins **are/ were** calling for help.

4. “I don’t want to stay.”

Alex said that he **didn’t/ did** want to stay.

5. “They are swimming in the pool.”

Alex said that they **were / are** swimming in the pool.

6. “The dolphins can’t move in the sand.”

Maria said that the dolphins **can’t/ couldn’t** move in the sand.

Exercise #4:

Report the following statements.

1. “I go to the cinema on Saturdays”, said John.

John said that he went to the cinema on Saturdays.

2. "We don't want to watch TV", said the children.
The children said that they didn't want to watch TV.
3. "I like horror movies", Charles told Mary.
Charles told Mary that he liked horror movies.
4. "We enjoy our classes", they said.
They said that they enjoyed their classes.
5. "He is talking on the telephone," she told me.
She told me that he was talking on the telephone.
6. "I'll go shopping tomorrow," he said.
He said that he would go shopping the following day.
7. "I'll phone you tomorrow," she said to Peter.
She said to Peter that she would phone him the following day.
8. "He's studying for an exam now," she said.
She said that he was studying for an exam then.
9. "John is working in a gym for the summer", she told me.
She told me that John was working in a gym for the summer.
10. "I'm listening to my new CD", she said.
She said that she was listening to her new CD.
11. "I wash my car on Sundays," said Nadia.
Nadia said that she washed her car on Sundays.
12. "I am writing a letter to my friend now," Jane told Alex.
Jane told Alex that she was writing a letter to her friend then.
13. "I will play chess with my father tomorrow," Mary told me.
Mary told me that she would play chess with her father the following day.

14. "I live in Paris with my family," Joun said to Leen.

Joun said to Leen that she lived in Paris with her family.

15. "He works in a hospital," she told me.

She told me that he worked in a hospital.

16. "Joy doesn't like going out much," she said.

She said that Joy didn't like going out much.

17. "I don't have a laptop," Sally said.

Sally said that she didn't have a laptop.

Reported Speech / questions

Wh- question

Questions which ask for information begin with question words; what, where, when, who, whose, which, how.

Examples:

Where do you live?

How old are you?

What are you studying?

Questions with Yes/ No Answers

Questions with Yes/No answers begin with an auxiliary or modal verb (is, are, do, can, etc.) which is followed by the subject.

- Examples:
- "Is she a typist?" "Yes, she is."
- "Does she work for a company?" "Yes, she does."
- "Has she finished her work?" "No, she hasn't."

We introduce reported questions with (ask).

In reported questions, the verb is in the affirmative and the question mark is omitted.

Verb tenses, pronouns, and time expressions change as in statements.

Expressions such as please, well, oh, etc. are omitted.

Example:

* "Are you working tomorrow morning?" Paul asked her. (direct question)

* Paul asked her if/whether she was working the next morning. (reported question)

*When the direct question begins with a question word (who, where, which, why, when, ...etc.) then the reported question begins with the same question word.

Reported Questions – (Wh-Questions)

Example:

- “Where do you live?” John asked me.
John asked me where I lived.

Reported Questions-(Yes/ No Questions)

* When a direct question begins with an auxiliary (be, do, have), or a modal verb (can, may, will, etc), then the reported question is introduced with if or whether.

Example:

Direct question: “Have you finished yet?”

Reported question: She asked me if/ whether I had finished.

Exercise #5

Report the following questions.

1. “What are you reading?” Mark asked Susan.
Mark asked Susan what she was reading.
2. “When will you visit me?” Sally asked Ali.
Sally asked Ali when he would visit her.
3. “What is Mark playing?” Mom asked me.
Mom asked me what Mark was playing.
4. “When is John leaving?” Sally asked Mary.
Sally asked Mary when John was leaving.
5. “When do you go to the gym?” Sami asked me.
Sami asked me when I went to the gym.
6. “Are you working tomorrow morning?” Paul asked her.
Paul asked her if she was working the following day.

7. "Is she cleaning the house now?" Mary asked me.
Mary asked me if she was cleaning the house then.

8. "Are the boys watching TV?" Susan asked Alex.
Susan asked Alex if the boys were watching TV.

9. "Are you going to the mall?" Sally asked her.
Sally asked her if she was going to the mall.

10. "Is Mark playing chess now?" Nada asked Elias.
Nada asked Elias if Mark was playing chess then.

11. "Does she go to the cinema?" Sally asked me.
Sally asked me if she went to the cinema.

12. "Can you see this beautiful picture in my book?" John asked me.
John asked me if I could see the beautiful picture in his book.

13. "Will you send me an email?" Mary asked me.
Mary asked me if I would send her an email.

14. "What do you want to know?" she asked me.
She asked me what I wanted to know.

15. "Where do you live?" I asked her.
I asked her where she lived.

16. "Where is your umbrella?" She asked her daughter.

She asked her daughter where her umbrella was.

17. "Do you like playing football?" John asked us.

John asked us if we liked playing football.

18. "Will you take the children to school today?" He asked me.

He asked me if I would take the children to school that day.

19. She asked, "Does he work for an insurance company?"

She asked if he worked in an insurance company.

20. He asked her, "Do you know my parents?"

He asked her if she knew his parents.

21. She asked me, "What are you doing tomorrow?"

She asked me what I was doing the following day.

22. He asked me, "Which picture is the most famous one?"

He asked me which picture was the most famous one.

23. Cathy asked me, "Is the movie interesting or boring?"

Cathy asked me if the movie was interesting or boring.

Good Luck

