

## Reported speech

We use reported speech when we want to tell someone what someone said.

We usually use a reporting verb and then change the tense of what was actually said in direct speech.

Example: Direct speech: I travel a lot in my job

Reported speech: He said that he travelled a lot in his job

Camila says: I eat hot-dog / She said (that)

She ate hot-dog

Sara said: I am doing the homework in the class

She said (that) she was doing the homework in this class

Pedro said: I have spoken with family for 2 hours

He said that he had spoken with his family for hours



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Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Present Simple	Past simple
Present Continuous	Past continuous
Past simple	Past Perfect
Present Perfect	Past Perfect
Past continuous	Past Perfect continuous
"will" future	"would" conditional
can	could
may	Might
must	Had to
<del>Reporting verb in Present Perfect Simple Future</del>	<del>IT DOESN'T CHANGE</del>

1 "I was working late last night" Vicki said  
 Vicki told me she'd been working late the night before

2 They said, "we weren't waiting long"  
 They said that they hadn't been waiting long



3 He asked, "were you sleeping when I called?"

He asked if I'd been sleeping when he called

4 Heather said, "I've already eaten"

Heather told me that she'd already eaten

5 "We haven't been to China" they said

They said they hadn't been to China



tense	Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Present Simple	I like ice cream	She said (that) she liked ice cream
Present continuous	I am living in London	She said (that) she was living in London
Past Simple	I bought a car	She said (that) she had bought a car OR she said (that) she bought a car
Past continuous	I was walking along the street	She said (that) she had been walking along the street
Present Perfect	I haven't seen Julie	She said that she hadn't seen Julie
Past Perfect	I had taken English lessons before	She said that she had taken English lessons before
Will	I'll see you later	She said that she would see me later
Would*	I would help but	She said that she would help but
Can	I can speak perfect English	She said that she could speak perfect English
Could	I could swim when was four	She said that she could swim when she was four
Shall	I shall come later	She said that she would come later
Should	I should call my mother	She said that she should call her mother
might	I might be late	She said that she might be late
must	I must study at the weekend	She said that she must study at the weekend OR she said she had to study at the weekend