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Reported Speech

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
Reporting verb in present / Present Perfect / Simple Future	It doesn't change

Examples:

- He said that he was living in Paris.
- He said he should call her mother.
- He said he could swim when he was four.
- Hannah has said she goes school every day.
- Michel said she liked apple.

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

• Don't forget "That" after "said".