

## Reported Speech

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Present simple	Past simple
Present continuous	Past continuous
Past simple	Past Perfect
Present Perfect	Past Perfect
Present continuous	Past Perfect continuous
will future	"would" conditional
can	could
may	might
must	had to
reporting verb in present	I Doesn't change

### Examples

- ① 'He is American,' she said.  
• She said he was American.
- ② 'I am happy to see you,' Mary said.  
• Mary said that she was happy to see me.
- ③ 'Dan is living in San Francisco,' she said.  
• She said Dan was living in San Francisco.
- ④ 'I was working late last night,' Vikki said.  
• Vikki told me she'd been working late the night before.
- ⑤ Heather said, 'I've already eaten.'  
• Heather told me that she'd already eaten.

Tense	Direct speech	Reported speech
Present simple	I like ice cream	She said (that) she liked
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)
Past continuous	I was walking about	She said she had been walking
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
Will	I'll see you later	She said she would see me later
Would	I would help, but	She said we would help but
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
Shall	I shall come later	She said she would come later
Should	I should call my mother	She said (that) she should call her
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