

# Reported speech

- We use reported speech when we want to tell someone what we usually say. We change the verb tense and what was actually said in direct speech.

**Ex:** Direct speech = "I travel a lot in my job."  
 Reported speech: He said that he travelled a lot in his job.

## DIRECT

Present Simple

Present Continuous

Past Simple

Present Perfect

Past Continuous

Will Future

Can

May

## REPORTED

Past Simple

Past Continuous

Past Perfect

Past Perfect

Past Perfect Continuous

Would Conditional

Could

Might

Must

= had to

Scribe

reporting verb in / / doesn't change

EX:

DIRECT



- I am going to London next week (she said)
- Do you have a pen I could borrow - he asked
- Alice said "I love to dance"
- Chris asked "would you like to have dinner with me tomorrow night?"

REPORTED



- She said he was American
- Mary said that she was happy to see me
- He told me that he was making dinner
- I shall come later
- I might be late

# Tense.

## Direct Speech

- Present Simple
- Present Continuous
- Past Simple
- Past continuous
- Present Perfect
- Past Perfect
- Will
- Would
- Can
- Shall
- Should
- Might
- Must

## Reported Speech

- she said (that) she liked ice cream
- she said (that) she was living in London
- she had bought a car or she said (that) she bought a car
- she had been walking along the street
- she hadn't seen Julie
- she had taken English lessons before
- she would see me later
- she would help but (she said)
- she could speak perfect English.
- she would come later
- she should call her mother
- she might be late
- she must study at the weekend.