***REPORTED SPEECH (Indirektni govor)***

What is reported speech?

***Reported speech is when you tell somebody else what YOU or a person said before.***

Distinction must be made between direct speech and reported speech.

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| **Direct speech** | **Reported speech** |
| She says: "I like tuna fish." | She says that she likes tuna fish. |
| She said: "I'm visiting Paris next weekend" | She said that she was visiting Paris the following weekend. |

**In reported speech you often have to change the pronoun depending on who says what.**

Example: She says, “My dad likes roast chicken”. – She says that her dad likes roast chicken.

**In reported speech you often have to change tenses:**

* If the sentence starts in the present, there is ***no backshift*** of tenses in reported speech.
* If the sentence starts in the past, there is often ***backshift*** of tenses in reported speech.
* Ukoliko recenica pocinje sadasnjim vremenom, nema promene vremena u indirektnom govoru.
* Ukoliko recenica pocinje proslim vremenom onda tu imamo promenu vremena u indirektnom govoru.

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|  | **Direct speech** | **Reported speech** |
| **(no backshift)** | “I **write** poems.” | He ***says*** that he **writes** poems. |
| **(backshift)** | “I **write** poems.” | He ***said*** that he **wrote** poems. |

**You must change the tense if the introductory clause is in a past tense (e. g. He said).**

*Example: He said, “I am happy”. – He said that he was happy.*

***Examples of the main changes in tense:***

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| **Direct Speech** | **Reported Speech** |
| **Simple Present** He said: "I **am** happy" | Simple Past He said that he **was** happy |
| **Present Progressive** He said: "I**'m looking** for my keys" | **Past Progressive** He said that he **was looking** for his keys |
| **Simple Past** He said: "I **visited** New York last year" | **Past Perfect Simple** He said that he**had visited** New York the previous year. |
| **Present Perfect** He said: " I**'ve lived** here for a long time " | **Past Perfect** He said that he**had lived** there for a long time |
| **Past Perfect** He said: "They **had finished** the work when I **arrived**" | **Past Perfect** He said that they**had finished** the work when he **had arrived**" |
| **Past Progressive** He said: "I **was playing** football when the accident **occurred**" | **Past Perfect Progressive** He said that **he had been playing** football when the accident **had occurred** |
| **Present Perfect Progressive** He said:"I **have been playing** football for two hours." | **Past Perfect Progressive** He said that **he had been playing** football for two hours |
| **Past Perfect Progressive** He said: "I **had been reading**a newspaper when the light **went off**" | **Past Perfect Progressive** He said that he **had been reading** a newspaper when the light **had gone off** |
| **Future Simple (will+verb)** He said: "I **will open** the door." | **Conditional (would+verb)** He said that**he would open** the door. |
| **Conditional (would+verb)** He said: "I **would buy** Mercedes if I **were** rich" | **Conditional (would+verb)** He said that he**would buy** Mercedes if he **had been** rich" |

The modal verbs ***COULD, SHOULD, WOULD, MIGHT, NEEDN’T TO, OUGHT TO, USED TO*** not normally change.

***Example: He said, “She might be right”. – He said that she might be right.***

**Other modal verbs may change:**

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| **Modal** | **Direct speech** | **Reported speech** |
| can | "I **can** do it." | He said he **could** do it. |
| may | "**May** I go out?" | He wanted to know if he **might** go out. |
| must | "She **must** apply for the job." | He said that she **must/had to** apply for the job. |
| will | "They **will** call you." | He told her that they **would** call her. |

**Exercices on the reported speech**

<https://www.myenglishpages.com/site_php_files/grammar-exercise-reported-speech.php>

Za one kojima je lakse da procitaju na srpskom sve o indirektnom govoru.

<https://mogi.co.rs/blog/indirektni-govor-slaganje-vremena-u-engleskom-jeziku/>

**HOMEWORK**

**Write five things people have said to you today.**

*Example: Tania said that she was going shopping after school.*