

# Reported speech

*I can use reported speech.*

1 Complete 1–5 with the tenses below. Then complete 6–9 with the correct verb forms.

past continuous   past perfect   past perfect  
past perfect   past simple

Direct speech	Reported speech
1 present simple	_____
2 present continuous	_____
3 past simple	_____
4 present perfect	_____
5 past perfect	_____
6 <i>can / can't</i>	_____
7 <i>will / won't</i>	_____
8 <i>might</i>	_____
9 <i>should</i>	_____

2 Circle the correct words.

Last weekend

- John said he \_\_\_ ill.  
a is                      b was
- Maisie said that she \_\_\_ buy a new phone.  
a would                b will
- Nathan said he \_\_\_ looking forward to summer.  
a is                      b was
- Harry said that Kay \_\_\_ gone to Italy.  
a has                    b had
- Emma told me that she \_\_\_ find her phone.  
a couldn't              b can't
- Pete told me he \_\_\_ go to the party.  
a had to                b might have

3 How do these references to time and place change in reported speech?

Direct speech	Reported speech
1 today	_____
2 a week ago	_____
3 yesterday	_____
4 last year	_____
5 tomorrow	_____
6 next month	_____
7 here	_____

4 Complete the text with *said* or *told*.

Dan <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Bev that he had bought her a new phone. She looked at it and <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ him that it was too big. He <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her that they were all that big nowadays. She <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ she wanted him to change it. He <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that he couldn't change it and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her that it had cost a lot of money. She <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ she didn't care and <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ him she wouldn't use it.



5 Rewrite the sentences as reported speech. If necessary, change the pronouns, possessive adjectives and references to time and place.

- John to Sue: 'I left a message for you yesterday.'  
John told \_\_\_\_\_
- Mark: 'I'll top up my phone this evening.'  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Jenny to Dave: 'I can't hear you.'  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Ann: 'I've checked my balance three times this week.'  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Jo to Si: 'You should turn off data roaming.'  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Kate: 'I had already texted Harry at the weekend.'  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Fran to Fred: 'I called Tom two days ago.'  
\_\_\_\_\_

6 Read the reported conversation between two identical twins. Write the direct speech below.

Imo was walking down the road when she slipped and fell. Her twin sister Zoe phoned just afterwards. Zoe told Imo that she had fallen over a few moments before. Imo told her that was an amazing coincidence because she had just done the same! Zoe said her leg was hurting so much that she couldn't walk. Imo told Zoe that her own leg was OK and that she could easily walk home. But Imo told Zoe that if she couldn't walk, she should call an ambulance. Zoe said that wouldn't be necessary and that she could phone their parents.

- Zoe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Imo: \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_
- Zoe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Imo: \_\_\_\_\_
- Imo: But \_\_\_\_\_
- Zoe: \_\_\_\_\_