

REPORTED SPEECH Rules & Examples



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SIMPLE PRESENT



SIMPLE PAST



Simple Present
«I work at a bank»
What did John say?
He said that **he worked at a bank.**

Simple Past



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Simple Present
«I want to go for a holiday»
What did Kate say?
She said that **she wanted to go for a holiday.**

Simple Past



VERB TO BE
(am, is, are)



was - were



Verb to be
(am)
«I am a doctor»
What did Mary say?
She said that **she was a doctor.**

was



Verb to be
(is)
«John is at school»
What did Anne say?
Anne said that **John was at school.**

was



Present Continuous



Past Continuous



Present Continuous
 «I am going to school»
 What did Linda say?
 She said that **she was going to school.**
 Past Continuous



Present Continuous
 «Sarah is reading a book.»
 What did Joe say?
 Joe said that **Sarah was reading a book.**
 Past Continuous



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SIMPLE PAST



PAST PERFECT



Simple Past
 «Bill arrived on Saturday»
 What did David say?
 He said that **Bill had arrived on Saturday.**
 Past Perfect



Past Simple
 «I bought a car.»
 What did Mary say?
 She said that **she had bought a car.**
 Past Perfect



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PRESENT PERFECT



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Present Perfect
 «I have been to Egypt»
 What did Robert say?
 He said that **he had been to Egypt.**
 Past Perfect

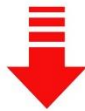


Present Perfect
 «I haven't seen Julie.»
 What did Carlos say?
 He said that **he hadn't seen Julie.**
 Past Perfect



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SIMPLE FUTURE (will)



WOULD



Simple Future
 «I will be in Rome on Monday»
 What did Olga say?
 She said that **she would be in Rome on Monday.**
 would



Simple Future
 «I will finish my homework in one hour.»
 What did Mark say?
 He said that **he would finish his homework in one hour.**
 would



PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS



PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS



Present Perfect Continuous
 «We have been waiting for hours»
 What did Elena say?
 She said that **they had been waiting for hours.**
 Past Perfect Continuous



Present Perfect Continuous
 «I have been working hard.»
 What did Peter say?
 He said that **he had been working hard.**
 Past Perfect Continuous



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FUTURE CONTINUOUS (will be doing)



WOULD BE DOING



Future Continuous (will be doing)
 «I will be using the car on Friday»
 What did Linda say?
 She said that **she would be using the car on Friday.**
 would be doing



Future Continuous (will be doing)
 «I will be flying to London in March.»
 What did Susan say?
 She said that **she would be flying to London in March.**
 would be doing



CAN



COULD



can
«I can speak English»
What did Fernando say?
He said that **he could** speak English.
could



can
«I can swim very well.»
What did Nancy say?
She said that **she could** swim very well.
could



MAY



MIGHT



may
«It may rain»
What did Kate say?
She said that **it might** rain.
might



may
«The restaurant may close early.»
What did he say?
He said that **the restaurant might** close early.
might



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SHOULD



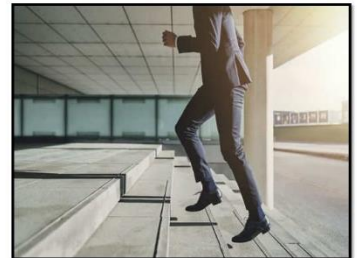
SHOULD



should
«I should write the report»
What did Ruth say?
She said that **she should** write the report.
should



should
«I should go immediately.»
What did Brian say?
He said that **he should** go immediately.
should



MUST



MUST - HAD TO



must
 «I must finish it until April»
 What did Andrew say?
 He said that he must finish it until April.
 must



must
 «I must go to the bank.»
 What did Rose say?
 She said that she had to go to the bank.
 had to



Bonus	Change the following into Reported Speech.	
Question	<p>«I finished my homework.» What did Jack say? He said that</p>	
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