

Grammar Revision: Reported Speech.

1. T.: Look at the Grammar Reference Table.

Explain how the Direct speech transforms into Reported speech.

Direct speech	Reported speech
Present simple 'I want to be rich.'	He said he wanted to be rich.
Present continuous 'I'm reading .'	He said he was reading .
Past simple 'I saw the film.'	She said she had seen the film.
Present perfect 'I've read the book.'	She said she had read the book.
Will 'We' ll help you.'	They said they would help us.

When the reporting verb is in the present tense, the tenses in direct speech and reported speech are the same.

'You're clever.'
She **says** I'm clever.

2. Change the sentences into reported speech.



'I saw *Catch me if you can* on DVD.'
Tom said he had seen *Catch me if you can* on DVD.

Tom I saw *Catch me if you can* on DVD.
Mel ¹I haven't seen it.
Tom ²It's great. ³I'll lend you the DVD.
Mel Yes, please. ⁴I don't know the story.
Tom ⁵It's about a con man.
Mel Great! ⁶I love crime stories. ⁷I watched a great Sherlock Holmes film at the weekend.
Tom Really? ⁸I'm reading a Sherlock Holmes book at the moment.

2. T.: Change the reported speech into direct speech in the first text and direct speech into reported in the second, and third exercises.

I spoke to Nick this morning. He and his brother are in Australia. Nick says Sydney is an amazing city, and he said they were having a great time. ¹ He said they'd seen the Sydney Opera House, and ² he said he'd been taking a lot of photos of the city. ³ Nick says everyone in Australia speaks English with an accent. But ⁴ he said the Australian accent was easy to understand. ⁵ He said he would never forget his visit to Australia, and ⁶ he said they were going to visit Sydney again in the future.

'Sydney is an amazing city,' says Nick.

'We're having a great time,' he said.

- 1 ' _____ ' said Nick.
- 2 ' _____ ' he said.
- 3 ' _____ ' Nick says.
- 4 ' _____ ' he said.
- 5 ' _____ ' said Nick.
- 6 ' _____ ' he said.

Please sit down, team.

1 Have you got your football boots, Ruth?

2 Stop talking, everyone!

3 Why are you whispering, Stuart?


4 Who played in goal on Saturday, team?

5 Please carry the ball, Emma.

6 Don't eat during football practice, Toby!


The coach asked the team to sit down.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____




I want a burger.


Jamie said he wanted a burger.



1 Diana said her friend had given her a present.



2 Mum said she'd done the shopping.



3 They said they were going to play football.

4. Pair Work. Students should make up 1 sentence each (it should be some news or interesting fact) and tell it to the partner. The task is to retell the partner's news in reported speech.