

# Reported Speech

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If the verbs to say, to tell or to ask are in the present tense.....	I/you/we... My/Your... This/These	"I'm very busy today" "I'm making a birthday cake for my son"	The tenses of the subordinate clause do not change	i/He/She/They... His/Her... That/Those	Mary says (that) she is very busy today. Helen says (that) she's making a birthday cake for her son.
<b>If the verbs to say, to tell or to ask are in the past tense.....</b>	Here Now Today Tonight Tomorrow Yesterday Last week		<b>The tenses of the subordinate clause and the adverbs of time change</b>	There Then, at that moment That day That night The following day The day before the week before	
SIMPLE PRESENT	"Now look at this painting: it's one of the most famous in this gallery"		SIMPLE PAST	She told us to look at that painting: it was one of the most famous of that gallery.	
PRESENT CONTINUOUS	"We're leaving for Liverpool next Saturday"		PAST CONTINUOUS	Mary said that they were living for Liverpool the following Saturday".	
SIMPLE PAST	"I didn't finished university"		PAST PERFECT	She said that she hadn't finished university	
PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE	"We have never been abroad"		PAST PERFECT SIMPLE	They told us they had never been abroad	
PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS	"I'm looking for a part-time job.."		PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS	He said that he was looking for a part-time job	
PAST CONTINUOUS	"We were listening to the radio when the doorbell rang"		PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS	They told us they had been listening to the radio when the doorbell had rung	
FUTURE	"I'll write to you"		PRESENT CONDITIONAL	Mum told me she would write to me	
IMPERATIVE	"Write this letter"		INFINITIVE	He told me to write that letter	