

**Reported speech**1- Affirmative and negative forms

Definition: Reported speech is of ten also called indirect speech. When We use reported speech, We are usually talking about the past ( because obviously the person who spoke originally spoke in the past).

a) The tenses generally move backwards in this way (the tense on the left changes to the tense on the right).

Present simple I'm a teacher	Past simple He said ( that ) he was a teacher
Present continuous I'm having lunch with my parents	Past continuous He said ( that ) he was having lunch with his parents
Present perfect simple I have been to France three times.	Past perfect simple He said ( that ) he had been to France three times.
Present perfect continuous I have been working very hard.	Past perfect continuous He said (that) he had been working very hard.
Past simple I bought a new car.	Past perfect He said (that) he had bought a new car
Past continuous It was raining earlier.	Past perfect continuous He said (that) it had been raining earlier
Future arrangement I'm going to clean my room. She is going to clean my room. They are going to clean my room	(Be) Should be in the past He said (that) he was going to clean my house. He said (that) she was going to clean my house. He said (that) they were going to clean my house

**b) Modals:**

Will I will come and see you soon.	Would He said (that) he would come and see me soon.
Can I can travel alone.	Could He said (that) he could travel alone.
Must/ Have to – Has to All tickets must be bought in advance.	Had to He said (that) all tickets had to be bought in advance
Shall We shall talk about a new subject	Should He said (that) we should talk about a new subject.
May I may be asked to write an essay	Might He said (that) he might be asked to write an essay.

Change in Time and place references:

<i>Present</i>	
- Now	- then
- Today	- That day
- Here	- There
- This	- That

- This (week / morning / month..)	- That (week/ morning/month...)
<b><i>Past</i></b>	
- Yesterday	- The previous day
- Ago	- Previously
- Last (week / morning / month...)	- The previous ( week/ morning / month...)
<b><i>Futur</i></b>	
- Tonight	- That night
- Tomorrow	- The following day
- Next (week / morning / month...)	- The following (week/ morning/ month...)

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