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Reportedspeech

We can use reported speech or indirect speech when we want to tell someone what another person said to do this

Direct speech: *'I work in a bank,' said Daniel.*

Indirect speech: *Daniel said that he worked in a bank.*

In indirect speech, we often use a tense which is 'further back' in the past (e.g. *worked*) than the tense originally used (e.g. *work*). This is called 'backshift'. We also may need to change other words that are used, for example pronouns.

Tenses Backshift table

Direct speech	Reported speech	Examples
Present simple S+V1	Past simple S+v2	<i>'I travel a lot in my job.'</i> <i>Jamila said that she travelled a lot in her job.</i>
Present continuous S+ (is\are\am) + V(in)	Past continuous S+ (was\were) + V(in)	<i>'The baby is sleeping!'</i> <i>He told me the baby was sleeping.</i>
Present perfect S+(have\has) + v3	Past perfect S+(had) + v3	<i>'I've hurt my leg.'</i> <i>She said she had hurt her leg.</i>
Past simple S+v2	Past perfect S+(had) + v3	<i>'We lived in China for five years.'</i> <i>She told me they had lived in China for five years.</i>

<i>Past continuous</i> S+ (was\were) + V(in)	<i>Past perfect continuous</i> S+had+been+v(in)	'It was raining all day.' He told me it had been raining all day.
<i>Past perfect</i> S+had+v3	<i>Past perfect</i> S+had+v3	'I'd tried everything without success, but this new medicine is great.' He said he had tried everything without success, but the new medicine was great.
<i>Will \ Can +v1</i>	<i>Would \ could +v1</i>	"I will come with you " She said that she would come with me.

Pronouns:

- I/you
- We/you
- Me/you
- Us/you
- My/your
- our/your
- Mine/yours

- he/she
- they
- him/her
- them
- his/her
- their
- theirs

e.g 'I am very happy today,' said Susanna.

⇒ Susanna said (that) she was very happy that day.

Other Changes

<i>Direct Speech</i>	→	<i>Reported Speech</i>
today	→	that day
now	→	then
yesterday	→	the day before
ago	→	before
last week	→	the week before
next year	→	the following year
tomorrow	→	the next day

Exercise :

Change the direct speech into reported speech.

1) "He works in a bank."

He said that he worked in a bank.

2) "We went out yesterday."

They said that they had gone out the day before.

3) "I'm coming!"

She said that she was coming.

4) "I was waiting for the bus."

She said that she had been waiting for the bus.

5) "I had eaten pasta."

He told me that he had eaten pasta.

6) "I didn't go to the party."

She said that she hadn't gone to the party.

7) "I will call you tomorrow. "

Sara told Lina that she would call her the next day.

8) "I am going to buy an ice cream today. "

She said that she was going to buy an ice cream that day.

9) "She visited India last week. "

She said that she had visited India the week before.

10) "They have climbed the trees."

He said that they had climbed the trees.

