



# REPORTED SPEECH

Compare the sentences:

Mary says: “I like cats”

Mary said: “I like cats”



Mary says: “I like cats” →

Mary says that she likes cats.

Mary said: “I like cats” →

Mary said that she liked cats.

am/is ---- **was**

She said: “Pete **is** reading”.

She said that Pete **was** reading.

are --- **were**

Tom said: “They **are** friends”

Tom said that they **were** friends.

Have/has ---- **had**

I said to Dolly: “Bob **has got** a dog”.

I told Dolly Bob **had got** a dog.

# Can --- could

Bob said to Fred: “I **can't** swim”.

Bob told Fred he **couldn't** swim.

# do/does----did

I said: “ It **doesn't** snow here”.

I said that it **didn't** snow here.

# V play ----V2 (ed) played

Mary said to Harry: “We **play** basketball in the gym”.

Mary told Harry they **played** basketball in the gym.

# Said or told?

1. Kate \_\_\_\_\_ she had many pets at home.
2. Sam \_\_\_\_\_ me that Robert didn't like porridge.
3. Mother \_\_\_\_\_ her son to go to the dentist.
4. My cousin \_\_\_\_\_ he could ski well.
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ us her knowledge of French was good.

**Change the sentences into indirect speech.**

**1. “I am going to play chess”**

**Tom said that \_\_\_\_\_ to play chess.**

**2. “I have 5 lessons on Monday”.**

**Mary said that \_\_\_\_\_ on Monday.**

**3. “We can speak three languages”.**

**They said that \_\_\_\_\_ three languages.**

**4. “I do my homework in the afternoon”.**

**Bill said that \_\_\_\_\_ homework in the afternoon.**

**5. “I like to play the piano”.**

**The girl said that \_\_\_\_\_ the piano.**

**6. “I go there with my friend”.**

**David said that \_\_\_\_\_ friend.**

**7. “We don’t know her name”.**

**They said that \_\_\_\_\_ her name.**

**8. “I don’t understand the joke.”**

**She said that \_\_\_\_\_ the joke.**

**9. “We are cleaning our classroom”.**

**The boys said that \_\_\_\_\_  
classroom.**