REPORTED SPEECH

Intermediate Level

When do we use it?

- REPORTED SPEECH is used to tell what someone said. Yet, we do not repeat all the words exactly.
  - REAL WORDS (direct speech):
  Tom said: "We are going to the cinema this afternoon."

  - REPORTED SPEECH:
  Tom said that they were going to the cinema that afternoon.

Changes

- Types of changes:
  1. **Verb Tenses**
  2. **Time and place adverbial expressions**
  3. **Logical change of pronouns**

- *EXAMPLE*
  - *DIRECT: Mary said: "They are seeing me tomorrow"*
  - *REPORTED: Mary said that they were seeing her the following day*

Verb Tenses

DIRECT SPEECH □**REPORTED SPEECH**

- PRESENT □
  - ◦ We _**study**_
  - ◦ We _**are studying**_

- PAST □
  - ◦ We _**studied**_
  - ◦ We _**were studying**_

- FUTURE □
  - ◦ We _**will study**_

- PAST
  - _She said that they **studied**_
  - _She said that they **were studying**_

- PAST PERFECT
  - _She said that they **had studied**_
  - _She said that they **had been studying**_

- CONDITIONAL
  - _She said that they **would study**_

List of Verb Changes

TENSE	DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
PRESENT SIMPLE	I play tennis with my friends	She said that she **_played_** tennis with her friends
PRESENT CONTINUOUS	I am playing tennis with my friends	She said that she **_was playing_** tennis with her friends
PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE	I have played tennis with my friends	She said that she **_had played_** tennis with her friends
PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS	I have been playing tennis with my friends	She said that she **_had been playing_** tennis with her friends
PAST SIMPLE	I played tennis with my friends	She said that she **_had played_** tennis with her friends
PAST CONTINUOUS	I were playing tennis with my friends	She said that she **_had been playing_** tennis with her friends
PAST PERFECT SIMPLE	I had played tennis with my friends	She said that she **_had played_** tennis with her friends
PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS	I had been playing tennis with my friends	She said that she **_had been playing_** tennis with her friends
FUTURE SIMPLE	I will play tennis with my friends	She said that they **_would play_** tennis with her friends

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
CAN	COULD
MAY	MIGHT
MUST / HAVE TO	MUST / HAD TO
WILL	WOULD

Time and Place Adverb Change

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
Now	Then
Today	That day
Tonight	That night
Yesterday	The previous day / the day before
Last week	The previous week / the week before
A _____ ago	The previous _____ / the _____ before
Tomorrow	The following day / the day after / the next day
Next _____	The following _____ / the _____ after
Here	There
This	That
These	Those

Reported statements

- Pay attention to the changes mentioned before.
- **'That'** can be omited with "TELL & SAY":
  - *She told him **that** he was a fool.*
  - *She told him he was a fool.*
  - *She said **that** I was right*
  - *She said I was right*
- Remember not to use inverted commas.
- Observe that when you use TELL, you must mention "**the person you're speaking to**"
  - *John said: "Ann, I'm very happy."*
  - *John told **Ann** that he was very happy.*

Reported questions

- Same changes as for statements.

- In "REPORTED QUESTIONS" we do not have a question structure, now we have a "statement"
  - Suject + verb + complements
    ◦ *Paul asked: "Are you coming to the party tonight, Jane?"*
      - *Paul asked Jane if she was coming to the party that night.*

- Types of questions:
  1. *YES/NO QUESTIONS:* **IF / WHETHER + SUJECT + VERB + COMPLEMENTS**

     *Paul asked : "**Do** you **play** volleyball?"*

     *Paul asked me **whether (or if)** I **played** volleyball.*

  2. *WH- QUESTION* : **WH- + SUJECT + VERB + COMPLEMENTS**

     *John asked: "**When** do you **play** badminton?"*

     *John asked me **when** I **played** badminton.*

Reported commands

- Same basic changes as statements

- Basic introductory verb: TELL

- The IMPERATIVE verbal form turns into
  - TO + "INFINITIVE" (Affirmative)
  - NOT + TO + "INFINITIVE" (Negative)

- **Examples.-**
  - ◦ **"Come here" He told me** □ **He told me to go there**
  - ◦ Father: "Do your homework!" □ Father **told** me **to do** my homework.
  - ◦ Teacher. "Don't talk to your mate!" □ The teacher **told** me **not to talk** to my mate.

Other verbs used for the IMPERATIVE:

- ORDER (ordenar)
  - *"Get out of the car!" said the policeman.*
    - The policeman **ordered him to get out of the car**.

- ASK (Pedir)
  - *"Could you please be quiet," she said.*
    - She **asked me to be quiet**.

- WARN (advertir)
  - *The man with the gun said to us, "Don't move!"*
    - The man with the gun **warned us not to move**.

- We can also use:
  - INVITE (Invitar),
  - BEG (Suplicar),
  - FORBID (Prohibir)

Suggestions:

✔ **We use a** *that-clause introduced by* **"suggest".**

✔ *'That'* y *'should'* are optional in these cases:
> She said: "Why don't you get a mechanic to look at the car?"
>> *She* **suggested** *that I should get a mechanic to look at the car.*
>> *She* **suggested** *I get a mechanic to look at the car*.

✔ Other verbs we can use:
- ◦ ***Insist***
  - ● "It would be a good idea to see the dentist", said my mother.
  - ● *My mother* **insisted that I see** *the dentist*
- ◦ ***Recommend***
  - ● The dentist said, "I think you should use a different toothbrush".
  - ● *The dentist* **recommended that I should use** *a different toothbrush.*

● **Notes:**
> *Suggest* can be followed by V-ing:
>> I *suggested* postponing the visit to the dentist.

HOPES, INTENTIONS, PROMISES

❖ In these cases we would use a "reporting verb" related to the meaning, followed by ***that-clause*** o ***to-infinitive***:
   ❖ "I'll pay you the money tomorrow."
      ❖ *He **promised to pay** me the money the next day.*
      ❖ *He **promised that he would pay** me the money the next day.*
❖ Other verbs that follow this structure:
   ❖ **Hope *(Tener esperanza)***
      ❖ "We should arrive in London before nightfall."
      ❖ *They **hoped to arrive** in London before nightfall.*
      ❖ *They **hoped they would arrive** in London before nightfall.*
   ❖ **Threaten *(Amenazar)***
      ❖ "Give me the keys to the safe or I'll shoot you!"
      ❖ *He **threatened to shoot** me if I didn't give him the keys to the safe.*
      ❖ *He **threatened that he would shoot** me if I didn't give him the keys to the safe.*
   ❖ **Swear *(Jurar)***
      ❖ "I swear it! I'll be back by lunchtime."
      ❖ *He **sweared to be back** by lunchtime.*
      ❖ *He **sweared that he would be back** by lunchtime.*

Some reporting verbs.

IF / WHETHER + sentence	THAT + sentence	THAT + sentence or infinitive	THAT+ sentence or should	Object + infinitive
ASK REMEMBER SAY	ANSWER BOAST COMPLAIN DENY REPLY SAY SUGGEST TELL WARN	CLAIM PROMISE THREATEN	ADVISE BEG DEMAND RECOMMEND SUGGEST	ADVISE ASK BEG INVITE ORDER SHOUT WARN