

# Reported Speech



Cuando usamos Reported Speech simplemente estamos contándole a alguien lo que otra persona nos dijo. Te dejo aquí esta tabla con los cambios más comunes y con ejemplos de lo que Linda, the lovely gardener, me dijo cuando la vi hace ya algún tiempo.



## CHANGES

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| <b>PRESENT SIMPLE</b><br>"I see my flowers from here"                 | <b>PAST SIMPLE</b><br>She said (that) she saw her flowers from there.                 |
| <b>PRESENT CONTINUOUS</b><br>"I am growing carrots this year"         | <b>PAST CONTINUOUS</b><br>She said (that) she was growing carrots that year.          |
| <b>PAST SIMPLE</b><br>"I forgot my rake yesterday"                    | <b>PAST PERFECT</b><br>She said (that) she had forgotten her rake the previous day.   |
| <b>PRESENT PERFECT</b><br>"I have planted new seeds here"             | <b>PAST PERFECT</b><br>She said (that) she had planted new seeds there..              |
| <b>WILL</b><br>"I will take care of your garden next month"           | <b>WOULD</b><br>She said (that) she would take care of my garden the following month. |
| <b>MUST / HAVE TO</b><br>"I must water these sunflowers now"          | <b>HAD TO</b><br>She said (that) she had to water those sunflowers then.              |
| <b>CAN</b><br>"You can call me tomorrow"                              | <b>COULD</b><br>She said (that) I could call her the following day..                  |
| <b>MAY (probability)</b><br>"It may rain next week"                   | <b>MIGHT</b><br>She said (that) it might rain the following week.                     |
| <b>MAY (permission)</b><br>"You may borrow my gardening tools today " | <b>COULD</b><br>She said (that) I could borrow her gardening tools that day.          |

### Some notes:

Podemos introducir lo que otra persona ha dicho simplemente con She/He said ... pero si queremos apuntar a quién se lo dijo podemos usar She / He told me/ him... o She/He said TO me.

"That" puede incluirse o no, como ves en los ejemplos está entre paréntesis, it's up to you!

## OTHER CHANGES

- NOW → THEN
- TODAY → THAT DAY
- YESTERDAY → THE PREVIOUS DAY
- LAST MONTH, WEEK... → THE PREVIOUS MONTH, WEEK...
- AGO → BEFORE
- TOMORROW → THE NEXT/ FOLLOWING DAY
- NEXT WEEK ... → THE NEXT / FOLLOWING WEEK
- THIS → THAT
- THESE → THOSE
- HERE → THERE

## COMMANDS

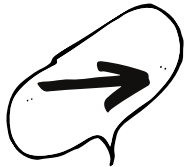
**TO+infinitivo**  
 "Be careful with the insects!"  
 She told me to be careful with the insects.

**NOT TO + infinitivo**  
 "Don't transplant daisies in winter"  
 She told/advised me not to transplant daisies in winter.

# Activities

Transforma estas frases a Reported Speech.  
Fíjate bien en los verbos, los complementos y preposiciones.

## Activity 1 - This is what my teacher Carla told me some time ago:



1. I am correcting exams now. **She said / told me (that) ...**
2. I can't understand these old books.
3. My students must send their homework today.
4. I won't work here next year.
5. Don't speak during the exam !
6. You may wait for me in the hall.

## Activity 2 - I saw Tom some time ago and this is what he said to me:



1. I go to church every Sunday.
2. I lost my glasses last week.
3. I have just watched my favorite film again.
4. Call your family more often.
5. My grandchildren may visit me this month.
6. I don't remember your name.

## Activity 3: Reported Speech + Phrasal Verbs



1. I have always looked up to you.
2. I am getting rid of my old furniture now.
3. Marta turned down my offer five days ago.
4. You must call off this meeting now.
5. Don't give up!
6. Teachers must put up with impolite students.
7. I came up with a brilliant idea last night.
8. Take up a new sport!
9. I may run into Charles today.
10. You can come back tomorrow.

## ACTIVITY 1

1. She said (that) she was correcting exams then.
2. She said (that) she couldn't understand those old books.
3. She said (that) her students had to send their homework that day.
4. She said that she wouldn't work there the following year.
5. She told me not to speak during the exam.
6. She told me I could wait for her in the hall.

## ACTIVITY 2

1. He said (that) he went to church every Sunday.
2. He said (that) he had lost his glasses the previous week.
3. He said (that) he had just watched his favourite film again.
4. He told me / advised me to call my family more often.
5. He said (that) his grandchildren might visit him that month.
6. He said (that) he didn't remember my name.

## ACTIVITY 3

1. She said (that) she had always looked up to me.
2. She said (that) she was getting rid of her old furniture then.
3. She said (that) Marta had turned down her offer five days before.
4. She said (that) I had to call off that meeting then.
5. She told me not to give up.
6. She said (that) teachers had to put up with impolite students.
7. She said (that) she had come up with a brilliant idea the previous night.
8. She told me to take up a new sport.
9. She said (that) she might run into Charles that day.
10. She said (that) I could come back the following day.