

# ***REPORTED SPEECH***

**Reporting affirmative  
statements**

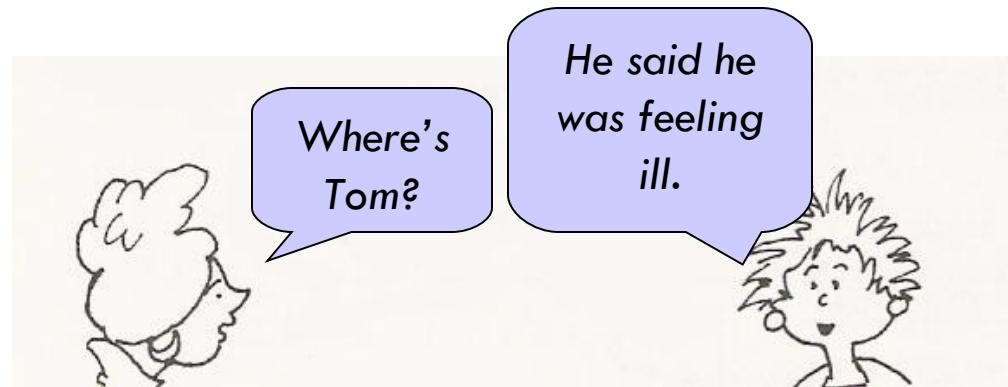
# REPORTED SPEECH

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What is it ?



How do you use it?



It is the grammar we use if we want to tell another person about a conversation that took place in the past (e.g telephone call, news or story that someone told us etc.)

**Look at the example.**

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My favourite film is on TV tonight. I love comedies.

**Mrs Brown said that her favourite film was on TV that night. She said that she loved comedies.**

# What has changed?

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Pronoun:

My  
I

becomes

her  
she

Tense:

am  
love

becomes

was  
loved

Time words:

tonight

becomes

that night

# In the Reported Speech we preferably use the past tense.

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am /is	becomes →	was
are	becomes →	were
has / have	becomes →	had
see	becomes →	saw
can('t)	becomes →	could(n't)
will/won't	becomes →	would(n't)

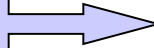
# Changes in verb tenses

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**do**

(Present Simple)

becomes



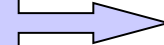
**did**

(Past Simple)

**am /is doing**

(Present Continuous)

becomes



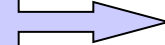
**was doing**

(Past Continuous)

**are doing**

(Present Continuous)

becomes



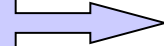
**were doing**

(Past Continuous)

**has / have done**

(Present Perfect)

becomes



**had done**

(Past Perfect)

**If we want to report a sentence that is already in the Past Tense, we normally use the Past Perfect.**

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**I **saw** the film last week.**

**He said he **had seen** the film the week before.**

# Changes

Time		Place	
now	then	here	there
today	that day	this	that
this week	that week	these	those
tomorrow	the next day		
yesterday	the day before		
last week	the week before		



## **EXERCISES.**

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A comedy show called “Don’t look now!” has just closed after five years at a theatre in London’s West End. This is what the critics said when it opened five years ago.

## Exercises

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‘It’s a marvellous show.’ The Daily Mail

The Daily Mail said...

...it **was** a marvelous show.

‘You’ll love it’ The Guardian

The Guardian said people **would** love it.

## Exercises

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‘The production is brilliant’ The Times  
The Times said the production **was**  
brilliant.

‘It’s the funniest show I’ve ever seen’  
Joan Proctor

Joan Proctor said it **was** the funniest  
show she **had** ever seen.

## Exercises

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'It made me laugh' Ben Walsh

Ben Walsh said it **had made** **him** laugh.

'You shouldn't miss it' Time Out

Time Out said people **shouldn't** miss it.