

REPORTED SPEECH

We can report:

- statements: She said she was speaking to John.
- questions: He asked what time it was.
- commands, requests, suggestions: He told me to

1. CHANGES IN VERB TENSES:

- **Present simple → past simple**
»I'm amazed the food is so good« Maria said.
*Maria said(that) she **was amazed** the food was so good.*
- **Present continuous → past continuous**
»I'm studying the eating habits of teenagers« the doctor said.
*The doctor said (that) she **was studying** the eating habits of teenagers.*
- **Present perfect → past perfect**
»We have studied health and safety« the students said.
*The students said that (they) **had studied** health and safety at school.*
- **Past simple → past perfect**
»I gave you the homework on Tuesday« the teacher reminded the class.
*The teacher reminded the class(that) she **had given** them the homework on Tuesday.*
- **Present perfect continuous → Past perfect continuous**
»They have been working« he said.
*He said (that) they **had been** working.*
- **Future → Conditional**
»They will be home soon« he said.
*He said they **would** be home soon.*

2. OTHER CHANGES IN REPORTED SPEECH:

Words which have an immediate connection with the present:

Now → then
Today → that day
Yesterday → the day before
Tomorrow → the day after
This/these → that/those
Here → there

We do not
change past
modals!

Present modals:

Can → could

Will → would

May → might

Shall → should

3. REPORTED ORDERS OR COMANDS

- We use the verb **asked** and an indirect object + the infinitive with to when we report polite orders or commands.

“Please sit down” the manager said to us.

The manager asked us to sit down.

- We use the verb **told** and an indirect object + the infinitive with to when we report an order or a command.

“Sit down and be quiet” the father said to his children.

The father told his children to sit down and be quiet.

- We use the verb **asked or told** and an indirect object + not + infinitive with to when we report a negative order or a command.

“Don’t sit on the wall” the teacher said to us.

The teacher told us not to sit on the wall.

PRI REPORTED ORDERS SE ČAS NE SPREMINJA!

4. REPORTED QUESTIONS

- When we change a direct question into a reported question we **change the pronoun, the verb tense and the word order.**

“**How** often do you go to the cinema?” Anya asked Mike.

Anya asked Mike how often he went to the cinema.

- If there is no question word, we need to add **if or whether** to complete the sentence.

“**Have** you ever been to the Odeon cinema?” Mike asked Anya.

Mike asked Anya if/whether she had ever been to the Odeon cinema.

PRI REPORTED QUESTIONS (PRVA PIKICA) SE ČAS SPREMENI, PRI REPORTED QUESTIONS (DRUGA PIKICA) SE ČAS NE SPREMENI!

5. REPORTING VERBS

Add, admit, agree, answer, ask, confess, explain, make it clear, order, promise, reply, tell, want to know, go on to say, recommend, offer, suggest

Ko uporabljamo
glagol said za njim
ne rabimo dodati
osebe, pri vseh
ostalih in moramo