

IELTS Speaking

Reported speech: introduction

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Reported Speech (1): Change of Verb Tense

Direct Speech:	Reported Speech
Present Tense	Past Tense
will	would
is going to	was going to
Past Tense	Past Perfect Tense
Present Perfect Tense	Past Perfect tense
Past Perfect Tense	Past Perfect Tense

Reported Speech (1): Change of Verb Tense

Examples (Reported):

1. They said they felt excited.
2. I told her I would meet her at the restaurant.
3. She said she was going to be late.
4. He said he had really enjoyed the meal.
5. He said he had been living there for many years.

Reported Speech (1): Change of Verb Tense

Change to reported speech:

1. We feel excited.
2. I will meet you at the restaurant.
3. I am going to be late.
4. I really enjoyed the meal.
5. I have been living there for many years.

Reported Speech (1): Change of Verb Tense

Change back to direct speech:

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2. I told her I would meet her at the restaurant.
3. She said she was going to be late.
4. He said he had really enjoyed the meal.
5. He said he had been living there for many years.

Reported Speech (2): Change of Verb Tense

Direct Speech:	Reported Speech
Present Tense	Past Tense
will	would
is going to	was going to
Past Tense	Past Perfect Tense
Present Perfect Tense	Past Perfect tense
Past Perfect Tense	Past Perfect Tense

Reported Speech (2): Yes / No Questions

Direct Speech:	Reported Speech
Did you have a good time?	She asked me if I had had a good time.
Do you want some more practice?	She asked me if I wanted some more practice.
Can I borrow some money?	My friend asked me if he could borrow some money.
Have you been to Paris?	She asked me if I had been to Paris.
Will you come to the party?	She asked me if I would come / go to the party.
Are you enjoying yourself?	She asked me if I was enjoying myself.

Questions: change to “She asked me...”

1. Are you enjoying your course?
2. Have you ever been to Paris?
3. Do you like travelling?
4. Can you swim?
5. Are you going to study abroad next year?
6. Did you learn a musical instrument when you were young?

Reported Speech (3): Change of Verb Tense

Direct Speech:	Reported Speech
Present Tense	Past Tense
will	would
is going to	was going to
Past Tense	Past Perfect Tense
Present Perfect Tense	Past Perfect tense
Past Perfect Tense	Past Perfect Tense

Reported Speech (3): Open Questions

Direct Speech:	Reported Speech
What are you going to do tomorrow?	She asked me what I was going to do the next day.
What is the capital of Spain?	She asked me what the capital of Spain was.
Where did you learn to speak Spanish?	She asked me where I had learned to speak Spanish
Where do you live?	She asked me where I lived.
Who did you study with?	She asked me who I had studied with.
Which one is your coat?	She asked me which one was my coat.
Why are you learning German?	She asked me why I was learning German.
How long have you been living in Shanghai for?	She asked me how long I had been living in Shanghai for.

Questions: change to “She asked me...”

1. Which university did you go to?
2. What is the capital of France?
3. What did you study at university?
4. What time did you go to bed last Saturday?
5. What type of food do you like best?
6. How long have you lived in Shanghai?
7. How long has the library been closed for?
8. What time is the train going to arrive?

