

## Reported Speech Cheat Sheet

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Verb & Word Changes		
Simple Present		Simple Boot
•	$\rightarrow$	Simple Past
"I am exhausted."		"He said he was exhausted"
Present Continuous	$\rightarrow$	Past Continuous
"I am learning how to play violin."		"She said she was learning how to play violin."
Past Simple	$\rightarrow$	Past Perfect
"I <b>hung out</b> with my friends."		"He said he had hung out with his friends."
Present Perfect	$\rightarrow$	Past Perfect
"I haven't eaten lunch yet."		"She said she <b>hadn't eaten</b> lunch yet."
Past Perfect	$\rightarrow$	Past Perfect
"I had already seen that movie."		"He said he <b>had already seen</b> that movie."
Will	$\rightarrow$	Would
"I will help you with your studies."		"She said she would help me with my studies."
Can	$\rightarrow$	Could
"I can speak 3 languages."		"He said he <b>could speak</b> 3 languages."
Must	$\rightarrow$	Had to
"Everyone <b>must be</b> in class at 7pm."		"She said that everyone had to be in class at 7pm."
May	$\rightarrow$	Might
"I may be a bit late."		"He said he might be a bit late."
Should	$\rightarrow$	No Change
"You <b>should download</b> this new game!"		"She said I <b>should download</b> that new game."
Would	$\rightarrow$	No Change
"I would like a salad with my meal."		"He said he <b>would like</b> a salad with his meal."
Ought to	$\rightarrow$	No Change

Verb & Word Changes (cont)			
"You ought to study more."		"She said that I <b>ought to study</b> more."	
Could	$\rightarrow$	No Change	
"We could see a movie."		"He said we could see a movie."	
Might	$\rightarrow$	No Change	
"I might stay home."		"She said she <b>might stay</b> home."	

The verb "tell" focuses more on the specific person who is receiving the information.

The verb **"said"** is more general and doesn't need a specific person receiving the information.

R	Reported Commands		
"	Don't run in the	$\rightarrow$	"She told me not to run in the
h	ouse."		house."
"(	Stop talking."	$\rightarrow$	"He told us to stop talking."

For commands, we add the object (the person receiving the command) and the infinitive "to" after "tell".

Reported Questions		
Question Words		
"Why are you so sad?"	$\rightarrow$	"She asked me why I was so sad."
"When is your birthday?"	$\rightarrow$	"He asked me when my birthday was."
Yes / No Questions		
"Is this lesson super difficult for you?"	$\rightarrow$	"She asked me if/whether the lesson was super difficult for me?"
"Do you like English?"	$\rightarrow$	"He asked me <b>if/whether</b> I liked English."

Questions in Reported Speech change to affirmative, we don't repeat the question in the same structure.

"Yes/No" questions use "if/whether" when we change them to Reported Speech.



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Pronoun Changes		
I	$\rightarrow$	He / She
You	$\rightarrow$	I / He / She / We / They
He / She	$\rightarrow$	He / She
It	$\rightarrow$	It
They	$\rightarrow$	They
We	$\rightarrow$	They
Us	$\rightarrow$	Them
Me	$\rightarrow$	Him / Her
My	$\rightarrow$	His / Her
Our / Ours	$\rightarrow$	Their / Theirs
Your		His / Her / Their

Time Expression Changes			
Today	$\rightarrow$	That day	
Tonight	$\rightarrow$	That night	
Tomorrow	$\rightarrow$	The following day / The next day	
Yesterday	$\rightarrow$	The day before / The previous day	
Last night	$\rightarrow$	The previous night / The night before	
Last week	$\rightarrow$	The previous week / The week before	
Next week	$\rightarrow$	The following week / The next week	
Now	$\rightarrow$	Then	
Ago	$\rightarrow$	Before	

Position Expression Changes			
This	$\rightarrow$	That	
These	$\rightarrow$	Those	
Here	$\rightarrow$	There	
Bring	$\rightarrow$	Take	
Come	$\rightarrow$	Go	



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