

S&T: Reported Speech Cheat Sheet

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Tense		
Present	\rightarrow	Past
Past	\rightarrow	Past Perfect
Can	\rightarrow	Could
May	\rightarrow	Might
Shall	\rightarrow	Should
Will	\rightarrow	Would
Must	\rightarrow	Had to
Had	\rightarrow	Had Had
Did	\rightarrow	Had

Time		
Today	\rightarrow	That day
Yesterday	\rightarrow	The previous day
Tomorrow	\rightarrow	The following day
Last (week, month, year)	\rightarrow	The previous (week, month, year)
Next (week, month, year)	\rightarrow	The following (week, month, year)

#1 Normal Statements

Q: Lily said, "I went to this place yesterday."

A: Lily said that she had gone to that place the previous day.

Steps to change:

- 1) Add "that"
- 2) Change Tense, Pronoun, Time and Place
- 3) Put full-stop

#3 Command or Request

Q: The teacher said, "Please complete your work by tomorrow."

A: The teacher told the students to complete their work by the following day.

Steps to change:

- 1) Add "to" to the verb in the command/request
- 2) Change Tense, Pronoun, Time and Place
- 3) Put full-stop

In this example, the verb in the command/request is "complete", so we add the word "to" to make it "to complete".

#5 Special Cases

Q: Mum asked me, "Who's your Music teacher?"

A: Mum asked me who my Music teacher was.

Steps to change:

- 1) Change Tense, Pronoun, Time and Place
- 2) (is, are, was or were) must be at the end of the sentence
- 3) Put full-stop

Pronoun		
1	\rightarrow	He/She
Му	\rightarrow	His/Her
Me	\rightarrow	Him/Her
Us	\rightarrow	Them
Our	\rightarrow	Their
Ours	\rightarrow	Theirs
You/Your	\rightarrow	Depends on subject (I/He/She)

Position		
This	\rightarrow	That
These	\rightarrow	Those
Now	\rightarrow	Then
Here	\rightarrow	There
Bring	\rightarrow	Take
Come	\rightarrow	Go

#2 Questions

Q: Jane asked Peter, "Did you complete your homework?"

A: Jane asked Peter if he had completed his homework.

Steps to change:

- 1) Add "if" for yes/no questions
- 2) Change Tense, Pronoun, Time and Place
- 3) Invert the subject and verb
- 4) Put full-stop

If the question is not a yes/no question, then ignore step 1.



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#4 Habit or Fact

Q: Jane told Jim, "Dinosaurs are extinct."

A: Jane told Jim that Dinosaurs are extinct.

Steps to change:

- 1) Add "if" or "that"
- 2) Change Pronoun, Time and Place
- 3) Put full-stop

For habits and facts, do not change the tense.



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