

REPORTED SPEECH

STATEMENTS

Direct speech “ “ (quotation)

Elena said to the students, "This grammar **is** difficult to understand."

Elena **says** to the students, "This grammar is difficult."

Elena **says** this grammar is difficult .

Josh said, "I **had** problems with the Internet."

Cesar said, "I will cook dinner tonight."

Reported speech

said **to + object** (me, Ana, Mirle..) -> told me/Alessandra.... (TELL/TOLD IS ALWAYS USED WITH AN OBJECT)

said -> said

1. Change pronouns

2. Backshifting of tenses

(Present Simple -> Past Simple

Past Simple -> Past Perfect

Present Perfect -> Past Perfect

will -> would

can -> could

Present Continuous -> Past Continuous

Past Perfect -> Past Perfect

is/are->was/were

was/were -> had been

may - might

could - could

should -> should

must -> had to

might -> might)

3. **Time expressions:**

today -> that day

tonight -> that night

yesterday-> the day before

tomorrow -> the next day/the following day

next year - the next year

now -> then

last week -> the week before

this -> that

Elena told the students (that) *that* grammar **was** difficult to understand.

Josh said (that) *he* **had had** problems with the Internet.

Cesar said (that) he **would** cook dinner ***that night***.

Yes/no-questions

Caroline asked, "Do you like chocolate cake?"

Caroline asked us **IF / WHETHER** we ***liked*** chocolate cake.

Angel asked Elena, "Are we going to have homework tonight?"

Angel asked Elena **IF** we were going to have homework that night.

Wendy asked Elena, "Can you speak Spanish?"

Wendy asked Elena **IF** she ***could*** speak Spanish.

Bilge asked classmates, "Did you understand *this* grammar?"

Bilge asked classmates **IF** they had understood *that* grammar.

Wh-questions

Orlando asked everybody, "What did you eat for lunch?"

Orlando asked everybody what they had eaten for lunch.

Lina asked Ana, "Why are you studying English?"

Lina asked Ana why she was studying English.

Kate said, "I will see my friend **tomorrow**."

Kate said that she would see her friend **the following day**.

Luiza asked, "Could you repeat the question?"

Luiza asked **if** I could repeat the question.

Elena said, "I **decided** to review phrasal verbs later."

Elena said (that) she **had decided** to review phrasal verbs later. (we don't change infinitive)

ORDERS, REQUESTS, COMMAND IN REPORTED SPEECH

Different reporting verbs: *tell, ask, beg, invite, order, suggest, advise, remind, warn, etc.*

Orlando asked, "Elena, will you explain this grammar point again?" -

request

Orlando asked Elena **to explain** that point again.

Manuel said to us, "Guys, you should watch this movie."

Manuel **advised/recommended** us **to watch** that movie.

Elena said, "**Don't forget** to do your homework."

Elena **reminded** us **(not to forget) to do** our homework.

Nubia said to her kids, "Be quiet, please." / "**Don't be** loud"

Nubia **asked** her kids **to be** quiet. / **...not to be** loud.

"Do it!" - He ordered me **TO DO** it.

"**Don't** do this!" - He ordered me **NOT TO DO** that.

DIRECT SENTENCE - REPORTED SPEECH

SHOULD / SHOULDN'T - ADVISE/RECOMMEND

DON'T FORGET/REMEMBER - REMIND

CAN YOU.../COULD YOU...?- ASK / BEG (PLEASE, PLEASE)

BE CAREFUL/ DON'T TOUCH /DON'T APPROACH ...- WARN

WOULD YOU LIKE...? - OFFER/INVITE

"Buy some fruit tomorrow." - He **told** me to buy some fruit. (**informal, casual request**)

"Could you buy some fruit tomorrow?" - He **asked** me to buy...(polite request)

"Could you buy some fruit? Please.. please...- He **begged** me to buy some fruit...

Slava says, "I am sleepy." - Slava **says** (that) he is sleepy.

Slava said, "I am sleepy." - Slava **said** (that) he was sleepy.

Slava said, "I was sleepy at lunch break." - Slava said (that) he had been sleepy at lunch time.