

## Reported Speech

### Reported Speech Functions

Used to report the original quote for accuracy and clarity.

- Example - He said: "I am not a crook." - He said he was not a crook.

### Tense Shift

Present Simple - Past Simple

- "I am late." - She said she was late.

Past Simple - Past Perfect

- "I was late." - She said she had been late.

Present Perfect - Past Perfect

- "I have been late." - She said she had been late.

Present Continuous - Past Continuous

- "I am running late." - She said she was running late.

Past Continuous - Past Perfect Continuous

- "I was running late." - She said she had been running late.

Past Perfect - Past Perfect (Stays the same)

- "I had been late." - She said she had been late.

### Modal Shift

Will - Would

- "I will go later." - She said she would go later.

Would - Would

- "I would go later." - She said she would go later.

Can- Could

- "I can go later." - She said she could go later.

Could - Could (Stays the same)

- "I could go later." - She said she could go later.

May - Might

- "I may go later." - She said she might go later.

Might - Might

- "I might go later." - She said she might go later.

Shall - Should

- "I shall come later." - She said she should come later.

Should - Should (Stays the same)

- "I should come later." - She said she should come later.

Must - Had to

- "I must come later." - She said she had to come later.

### Pronoun Shift

- There are no fixed rules for Pronoun Shift.

- Depends on the logical Pronoun.
- Example - "I will come later." - She said she would come later. (For example)
- Example - "We will come later." - They said they would come later. (For example)

### Possessive Pronouns

My - His/Her

- "That's my car." - He said that was his car.

Our - Our/Their

- "That's our car." - We said that was our car/They said that was their car.

Mine - His/hers

- "That car is mine." - She said that the car was hers.

### Time Shift

Now - Then

- "I will go now." - She said she would go then.

Today - Yesterday/That day/Tuesday etc

- "I would go today." - She said she would go that day.

Yesterday - The day before/the previous day etc

- "I went yesterday." - She said she had gone the previous day.

Last week/Last night - The previous week/the week before

- "I was there last week." - She said she had been there the week before.
- "I was there last night." She said she had been there the previous night.

Tomorrow - The next day/The following day

- "I will go tomorrow." - She said she would go the next day.

### Place Shift

Here - There

- "I am here today." - She said she was there that day.

There - Here

- "I'll be there tomorrow." - She said she would be there the following day.