



Practise statements in reported speech!

i We use reported speech to talk about what someone else has said.

Careful with the tenses! When you report what someone said in the present simple it changes to past simple, the past simple changes to the past perfect, the present continuous changes to past continuous and present perfect changes to past perfect.

Exception: If the statement was made in the past perfect it does not change nor in some cases when what was said (mostly in the present tense) is still relevant or true now.

i For example: When Judy tells you: "I practise reported speech tonight" and you want to tell your Mum you say: "Judy said that she practised reported speech last night."

It does not change for sentences that are still true now: Statement: I am ill and cannot come ice-skating. Reported speech: She said she is ill and cannot come ice-skating.

Careful: Use the right pronouns! Statement: Robert: This is my house. Reported speech: He said this is "his" house.

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April: I go to football training later. She said that she _____ to football training on Sunday.

- went
- go
- was

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Ben: This morning I have walked my dog. He said that this morning he _____ his dog.

- had walk
- has walked
- had walked

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We had rehearsed the show for three weeks. They said they _____ rehearsed their show for three weeks.



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Lydia: It is snowing all day. Lydia said that it _____ snowing all day yesterday.



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I lived in Berlin for many years. Josh told me he _____

- has lived
- had live
- had lived





Louise: I love my position as school newspaper journalist. Louise told me, that she _____ her position as school newspaper journalist.

- loves
- loved
- love



Noah: I look forward to my aunt's visit tonight. He said that he looked forward to _____ aunt's visit.



I have booked our flights! He said that he _____ booked our flights!



My brother is watching TV all afternoon today. Mira told me that her brother _____ watching TV all afternoon.

- is
- was
- were



I received a present by post. I told her that I _____ a present by post.

- had receive
- have received
- had received



Lucy: I ate out last night. She said she had _____ out last night.



Paula: I am playing on my computer now. Paula told Ben that she _____ playing on her computer.



I was lying in bed when it started to snow! He told me that he _____ lying in bed when it had started to snow.

- had been
- was
- has been



I meet Sandra on Saturdays. Laura said that she _____ Sandra on Saturdays.

- meets
- met
- meet