



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. NOTE: Will changes to Would and won't to wouldn't!

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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I go running later on. Suzy told me that she _____ running yesterday.

- go
- goes
- went

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He slept all afternoon. Ralf said his brother _____ all afternoon.

- slept
- has slept
- had slept

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I like to visit my big sister. I told Lucy that I _____ to visit my big sister.



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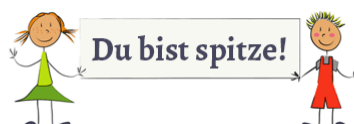
We woke very early because of our new puppy. They told me they had woken very early because of _____ new puppy.



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I have hurt my leg on the ice rink. He said he _____ his leg.

- had hurt
- had hurted
- has hurt





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I am babysitting Billy tonight. Berlinda told me she _____ babysitting Billy last night.

- was
- is
- were

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I had learned all words by heart. He told me he _____ learned all words by heart.



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Jonah: I am thirsty, Dad! Jonah said he _____ thirsty.



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I was talking to her on the phone yesterday. She said she _____ talking to Lara on the phone yesterday.



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I can take that letter to the post for you. He said he _____ take my letter to the post.

- can
- took
- could

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I will meet Harry later. She said she _____ see Harry later.

- will
- would
- is

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I won't tell him your secret. She said she _____ tell him my secret.

- would
- wouldn't
- will

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I will ask him about it tomorrow. He told me he _____ ask him about it tomorrow.

- did
- would
- should

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I won't see him for a long time. She told me she _____ see him for a long time.

- wouldn't
- won't
- will