

REPORTED SPEECH COMPARATIVE CHART

DIRECT SPEECH	INDIRECT SPEECH
Present Simple "I walk to work every day"	Past Simple He said (that) he walked to work every day.
Present Continuous "I am watching TV"	Past Continuous He said (that) he was watching TV.
Past Simple "I bought their new CD"	Past Perfect He said (that) he had bought a new CD.
Past Continuous "I was playing football at 12 o'clock"	Past Perfect Continuous He said (that) he had been playing football at 12 o'clock.
Present Perfect "I have finished my Homework"	Past Perfect He said (that) he had finished his homework.
Past Perfect "I had studied physics for years"	Past Perfect He said (that) he had studied physics for years.
Future Will "I will go and buy some bread"	Conditional Would He said (that) he would go and buy some bread.
Future going to "I am going to get a new job"	Was / Were going to He said (that) he was going to get a new job.
Modals "I can run very fast" "I must go home"	He said (that) he could run very fast. He said (that) he had to go home.

PLACE & TIME

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
today	that day
now	then / at the moment
yesterday	the day before
... days ago	... days before
last week	the week before
next year	the following year
tomorrow	the next day the following day
here	there
this	that
these	those
ago	previously / before
tonight	that night

TENSE CHANGE

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will	would
can	could
must / have to	must or had to
may / might	might
should	should
ought to	ought to