

## REPORTED SPEECH

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
<b>Present Simple Tense</b> <i>"It is interesting to listen to you."</i> <i>"We enjoy our holiday in Croatia."</i>	<b>Past Simple Tense</b> <i>She said, it was interesting to listen to me.</i> <i>They said, they enjoyed their holiday in Croatia.</i>
<b>Present Continuous Tense</b> <i>"Paul is having a shower now."</i>	<b>Past Continuous Tense</b> <i>Jill said, Paul was having a shower then.</i>
<b>Past Simple Tense</b> <i>"I was at home yesterday."</i> <i>"Jenny visited us last night.:"</i>	<b>Past Perfect Tense</b> <i>She said, she had been at home yesterday.</i> <i>They said, that Jenny had visited them last night.</i>
<b>Present Perfect Tense</b> <i>"I have never driven a tractor."</i>	<b>Past Perfect Tense</b> <i>He said, that he had never driven a tractor.</i>
<b>CAN</b> <i>"I can run really fast."</i>	<b>COULD</b> <i>She said, she could run really fast.</i>
<b>WILL</b> <i>"I will tell you a funny story. Listen."</i>	<b>WOULD</b> <i>He said, he would tell us a funny story.</i>

In reported statements there are two verbs used to report the sentence:

**SAID**

**TOLD** always followed by the object or the object pronoun e.g

**me**

**him**

**her**

**us**

**them**

**?** The word order in **reported questions** is as in an **interrogative sentence**, subject in the beginning, then verb, etc.

Ann asked, *"Where do you live?"*

*Ann asked me where I lived.*

**!** **Reported commands**

*Stop shouting.*

*She asked us to stop shouting.*

*Don't cry.*

*She told me not to cry.*