

**Grammar questions**

- a. In what tense is the main verb in reported speech?
- b. How are the verb tenses in reported statement different from those in the original words?

**Complete the table:**

<i>Direct speech</i>	<i>Indirect speech</i>
Simple Present .....	.....
.....	Past Continuous
Present Perfect .....	.....
Simple Past .....	.....
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**Changing direct speech to reported speech:**

We may have to make changes when we are reporting something which another person has said, or when we report it in a different place or at a different time. Here are some typical changes:

**Person:** I → he / she      my → his / her      **Place:** here → there / at the flat ...

**Time:** now → then / at that time      today → that day, on Monday, etc

yesterday → the day before / the previous day

tomorrow → the next / following day, on Sunday, etc      this week → that week

last week → the week before, the previous week      an hour ago → an hour before

**Turn direct speech into indirect (reported) speech.**

- a. Plato advised, "The principal men of our state must go and learn arithmetic, not as amateurs, but they must carry on the study until they see the nature of numbers with the mind only."
- b. Descartes, father of modernism, said, "All nature is a vast geometrical system. Thus all the phenomena of nature are explained and some demonstration of them can be given."
- c. In Descartes' words, "You give me extension and motion then I'll construct the universe."
- d. The often repeated motto on the entrance to Plato's Academy said, "None ignorant of geometry enter here."
- e. J. Kepler affirmed: "The reality of the world consists of its maths relations. Maths laws are true cause of phenomena."
- f. I. Newton said, "I don't know what I may appear to the world; but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore, and diverting myself now and then by finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than usual; whist the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me. If I saw a little farther than others, it is because I stood on the shoulders of giants"

**If the statement is still up to date when we report it, then we have a choice. We can either leave the tense the same, or we can change it.**

**Example: Sarah said she's going / was going to Rome in April.**

**1.2** Who said what? Match the words to the people and report what they said.

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| a. Mrs. Thatcher       | 1. "All the world's a stage."           |
| b. Stokeley Carmichael | 2. "Black is beautiful."                |
| c. Galileo             | 3. "Big Brother is watching you."       |
| d. Shakespeare         | 4. "There is no such thing as society." |
| e. George Orwell       | 5. "The earth moves round the sun."     |

- a. ....
- b. ....
- c. ....
- d. ....
- e. ....

**Change the direct questions into reported questions:**

- 1. Is Ahmed at home? She asked me if \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Am I late? She asked me if \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Is it cold outside? She asked me if \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Are they in Paris? She asked me if \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Is the bus stop near the shopping centre? She asked me \_\_\_\_\_

6. Is the milk fresh? She asked me if \_\_\_\_\_
7. Are you a doctor? She asked me if \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are Ahmed and Amina from France? She asked me if \_\_\_\_\_
9. Is my brother in the garden? She asked me \_\_\_\_\_
10. Is the weather good in Biskra in the summer? She asked me if \_\_\_\_\_

Change the direct questions into reported questions:

1. Where is the post office? She asked me \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is the woman in the red dress? She asked me \_\_\_\_\_
3. How is your grandmother? She asked me \_\_\_\_\_
4. When is the party? She asked me \_\_\_\_\_
5. How much is the rent on your flat? She asked me \_\_\_\_\_
6. Where are the glasses? She asked me \_\_\_\_\_
7. How is the weather in Chicago? She asked me \_\_\_\_\_

**These are the exact words Farid said to you yesterday.**

"I've just got engaged! We're getting married next year. We're going to Paris for our honeymoon. It's all going to be very expensive. Luckily, my friend is a photographer so he'll take the photos for us. We'll be having the reception in my parents' back garden. My mum is baking the cake for us and my sister's band is playing free for us. I hope you'll come to the wedding."

**Now you're telling your friend what Frank told you. Chose the correct option.**

He said he (1) \_\_\_\_\_ just got engaged. He told me that he (2) \_\_\_\_\_ next year. He told me (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to Paris for their honeymoon. He mentioned that it (4) \_\_\_\_\_ very expensive. He said that his friend (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and he (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the photos for them. He mentioned that they (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the reception in his parents' garden. He admitted that (8) \_\_\_\_\_. He said his sister's band (9) \_\_\_\_\_. He said he (10) \_\_\_\_\_ I'd come to the wedding.

**Options**

- (1) have / had
- (2) was getting / getting
- (3) they were going / they going
- (4) was all to being / was all going to be
- (5) will be a photographer / was a photographer
- (6) would take / will take
- (7) be having / would be having
- (8) his mum was baking a cake for them / my mum is baking a cake for us
- (9) was playing free for them. / is playing free for us
- (10) hope / hoped