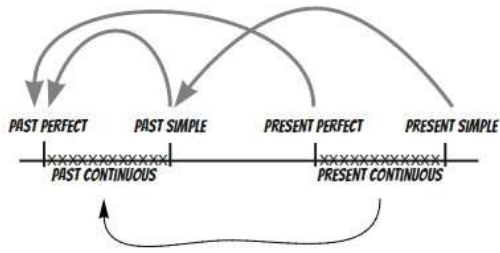


REPORTED SPEECH



ASK }
TELL } SOMEONE SOMETHING

SAY } SOMETHING TO SOMEONE

STATEMENTS

- . TENSE
- . PERSON
- . TIME AND PLACE REFERENCE

QUESTIONS (INFORMATION)

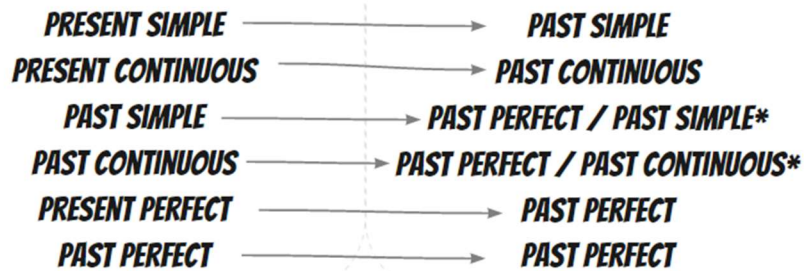
- . YES/NO → IF } UNDO
- . WH → WH } INVERSION

FUNCTIONS (ACTIONS)

- . TO - NOT TO + INFINITIVE
- . REPORTIVE VERBS → INFINITIVE
- . REPORTIVE VERBS → GERUND

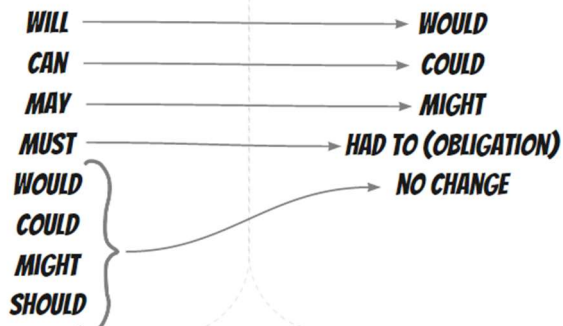
DIRECT SPEECH

REPORTED SPEECH



DIRECT SPEECH

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Direct and Reported Speech

A) DIRECT SPEECH: words actually spoken; quotation marks.

B) REPORTED SPEECH: we only give the meaning of what was said; no quotation marks.

C) TELL or SAY? TELL + Indirect Object + DO SAY + DO / SAY + TO + Indirect Object+ DO

TELL always has an indirect object, except in some expressions like *tell the time, tell the truth ...*

Changes in Reported Speech

A) Changes of PERSON, TIME and PLACE depend on changes in the situation. The most important changes are:

Pronouns

I → **he, she**
we → **they**

Time

tomorrow → **the next / following day**
yesterday → **the day before**
now → **then**
today / tonight → **that day / night**
this morning → **that morning**
on / next Tuesday → **the following Tuesday**
last Tuesday → **the previous Tuesday**
the day after tomorrow → **in two days time**
ago → **before**

Place

here → **there**

Demonstratives

this / that → **the**

B) TENSE CHANGE: Tense change depends on whether the introductory verb is present or past.

- If the introductory verb is present, there is no tense change.
- If the introductory verb is past, there is often a tense change. If the statement is up to date when we report it, we can leave the same tense or change it. We change the tense if we think the statement may be untrue. In news reports, the tense usually changes.

Reported functions (requests, orders, offers, ...)

A) REQUESTS:

- Reporting verb: ASK, BEG ...
- Indirect Object + TO-INFINITIVE / NOT TO-INFINITIVE

B) ORDERS:

- Reporting verbs: TELL, ORDER, COMMAND ...
- Indirect Object + TO-INFINITIVE / NOT TO-INFINITIVE

C) OFFERS, SUGGESTIONS ...

OFFER PROMISE AGREE REFUSE THREATEN REMIND ADVISE INVITE	+ TO-INFINITIVE	SUGGEST ADMIT INSIST ON APOLOGIZE FOR	+ -ING
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D) PROMISE THAT, AGREE THAT ...

PROMISE AGREE REMIND WARN ADVISE ADMIT INSIST	+ THAT + CLAUSE
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