

Using Reported Speech - Bronze

Changing Direct Speech to Reported Speech

1. 1st person changes to 3rd, e.g. **I** changes to **he** or **she**
2. Present tense changes to past, e.g. **are** changes to **were**
3. Past tense changes to a 'had' form, i.e. past perfect, e.g. **went** changes to **had gone**
4. Future tense changes to 'would', e.g. **will make** changes to **would make**
5. Sometimes direct speech will be shorter; sometimes reported speech will be shorter.
6. Sometimes you need to add 'feeling' words, e.g. **Wow!** becomes **He expressed surprise.**

1) Read the sentences below. Are they direct or reported speech? *Write d or r.*

- a) Mr Bates said, "I just can't remember any more."
- b) Lily admitted that she had not done what she had promised.
- c) "Can't you see I'm busy?" asked Mum.
- d) Max said that he could not go to the shops tomorrow.

2) Read the sentences below. Are they direct or reported speech? Add the correct punctuation.

- a) I love to go fishing remarked Bob
- b) Joe said that he felt ill
- c) The Inspector told us he was investigating the case
- d) We want to go out right now shouted Layla

3) Change these direct speech sentences into reported speech.

- a) "I want to help," whined Mandy.
- b) Mr Larkin said, "I hope to see all you children at the school fair on Saturday."
- c) Miss Green said, "We are writing poems today."
- d) "It's raining again," sighed Ranjit.