

UNIT 50



**REPORTED SPEECH
WITH "SHE SAID
THAT / HE TOLD ME
THAT"**



INTRODUCTION

When we want to report what someone else said, we use reported speech (also named "indirect speech"). This involves changing the original words slightly. "She said that" y "He told me that"



DIRECT SPEECH

The exact words
someone said,
enclosed in quotation
marks.

Example:

"I am going to the
store," she said.

REPORTED SPEECH

Reporting what
someone said without
using their exact
words.

Example:

She said that she was
going to the store.

USING "SAID" AND "TOLD":

SAID

Used when we don't mention the listener.

- Example: He said that he was tired.

TOLD

Used when we mention the listener (using an object pronoun like me, you, him, her, us, them).

- Example: He told me that he was tired.



STRUCTURE

SAID VS TOLD

With “said”: **Subject + said (that) + clause (with changes)**

Example: She said (that) she was happy.

With “told”: **Subject + told + object pronoun + (that) + clause (with changes)**

Example: He told me (that) he was going home.

Note: You can often omit "that" after "said" or "told," especially in informal situations.

CHANGES IN PRONOUNS AND TIME/PLACE EXPRESSIONS:

Change to match the new context

Pronouns:

"I" becomes "he/she"

"You" becomes
"me/him/her/us/them"

"My" becomes
"his/her"

Time expressions:

"Now" becomes "then"

"Today" becomes "that day"

"Yesterday" becomes "the day
before"

"Tomorrow" becomes "the next day"

"Last week" becomes "the week before"

"Next week" becomes "the following
week"

"Here" becomes "there"

Direct Speech (Tense)	Reported Speech (Tense)	Example
Present Simple	Past Simple	"I like pizza." → She said that she liked pizza.
Present Continuous	Past Continuous	"I am working." → He told me that he was working.
Past Simple	Past Perfect	"I went to Spain." → They said that they had gone to Spain.
Present Perfect	Past Perfect	"I have finished." → She said that she had finished.
Future (will)	Conditional (would)	"I will call you." → He told me that he would call me.
Modal verbs can/could, will/would, may/might, must/had to	Modal verbs could, would, might, had to	"I can swim." -> She said that she could swim

THANKS!



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