

Reported speech

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Name: _____ Datum: _____

1 Report the statements. Start with „She said (that) ...“.

Backshift: present -> past, past / present perfect -> past perfect, will -> would, can -> could. Change pronouns (I -> she) and time words (tomorrow -> the next day, last week -> the week before).

- a) „I am tired.“
- b) „We live in Hamburg.“
- c) „I have finished my homework.“
- d) „I will call you tomorrow.“
- e) „I can't come to the party.“
- f) „My parents bought a new car last week.“

2 Report the questions.

Questions become statements: no do/does, subject before verb, no question mark. Yes/no questions: if or whether.

- a) „Where do you live?“ — He asked me
- b) „Are you hungry?“ — She wanted to know
- c) „What time does the train leave?“ — They asked
- d) „Have you seen my keys?“ — Dad asked

3 Report the commands and requests.

tell/ask + person + (not) to + verb

- a) „Sit down!“ — The teacher told us
- b) „Please help me.“ — She asked him
- c) „Don't touch that!“ — Mum told me

4 Turn the dialogue into a short report (five to six sentences).

Amira told Jonas that ... and asked him if ... Jonas replied that ... She said she would ... and told him not to ...

- a) Amira: „I'm going to the cinema tonight. Do you want to come?“ — Jonas: „I can't. I have to finish my project.“ — Amira: „Then I'll ask Lena. Don't work too late!“