

Other Changes in Reported Speech

Changes in Demonstrative Adjectives

Demonstrative Adjectives = This, That, These, Those

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
this	that
that	the
these	those
those	the

Examples:

Tom said, “**This** desk is made of wood.”

Tom said (that) **that** desk was made of wood.

Point:

In the sentence above, the first “that” is a relative pronoun and the second “that” is a demonstrative adjective and they have different meaning.

Tom said, “**That** desk is made of iron.”

Tom said (that) **the** desk was made of iron.

Tom said, “**These** desks are made in Italy.”

Tom said (that) **those** desks were made in Italy.

Tom said, “**Those** desks are made in China.”

Tom said (that) **the** desks were made in China.

Changes in Adverbs of Time

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
now	then, at that moment
today	that day
yesterday	the day before, the previous day
tomorrow	the next day, the following day
last	the before, the previous

Examples:

Sally said, “My father is working **now**.”

Sally said (that) her father was working **then**.

Sally said (that) her father was working **at that moment**.

George said, "I am free **today**."

George said (that) he was free **that day**.

Mary said, "I was busy **yesterday**."

Mary said (that) she had been busy **the previous day**.

Mary said (that) she had been busy **the day before**.

Robert said, "I will go **tomorrow**."

Robert said (that) he would go **the following day**.

Robert said (that) he would go **the next day**.

Sue said, "I went to London **last month**."

Sue said (that) she had gone to London **the previous month**.

Sue said (that) she had gone to London **the month before**.

Changes in Adverbs of Place

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
here	there

Thomas said, "I am **here**."

Thomas said (that) he was **there**.

Changes in Verbs

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
bring	take
come	go

Rebecca said, "I will **bring** my dog with me to the party."

Rebecca said (that) she would **take** her dog with her to the party.

John said, "I will **come** back home in half an hour."

John said (that) he would **go** back home in half an hour.

Reporting Facts

Point:

We don't need to change the tense when we are reporting a fact.

Example:

The geography teacher said, “The Caspian Sea **is** the biggest lake in the world.”

The geography teacher said (that) the Caspian Sea **is** the biggest lake in the world.

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