

## GRAMMAR (UNIT 7)

### **REPORTED SPEECH (Estilo indirecto)**

We use reported speech when we want to repeat what someone has previously said. Let's look at the difference between direct speech and reported speech:

Direct speech. Tom said "I am tired"

Reported speech. Tom said (that) he was tired.

Here are some of the important verb changes we use when making reported speech:

<b>Tense</b>	<b>Direct Speech</b>	<b>Reported Speech</b>
present simple	I like ice cream	She said (that) she <b>liked</b> ice cream. (past simple)
present continuous	I am living in London	She said (that) she <b>was living</b> in London. (past continuous)
past simple	I bought a car	She said (that) she <b>had bought</b> a car OR She said (that) she bought a car. (past perfect)
past continuous	I was walking along the street	She said (that) she <b>had been walking</b> along the street. (past perfect continuous)
present perfect	I haven't seen Julie	She said (that) she <b>hadn't seen</b> Julie. (past perfect)
will	I'll see you later	She said (that) she <b>would see</b> me later. (conditional)
would*	I would help, but..."	She said (that) she would help but...
can	I can speak perfect English	She said (that) she could speak perfect English.
could*	I could swim when I was four	She said (that) she could swim when she was four.
shall	I shall come later	She said (that) she would come later.
should*	I should call my mother	She said (that) she should call her mother
might*	I might be late	She said (that) she might be late
must	I must study at the weekend	She said (that) she must study at the weekend OR She said she had to study at the weekend

There are also some other changes:

<b>Direct speech</b>	<b>Reported Speech</b>
This	That
These	Those
Here	There
Now	Then
Today	That day
Tonight	That night
Yesterday	The day before or the previous day
The day before yesterday (antes de ayer)	Two days before
Last week, last month, last year.....	The previous week, the previous month, the previous year.....
Tomorrow	The following day
Next week, next year, next month....	The following week, the following year, the following month.....
The day after tomorrow (pasado mañana)	In two days' time

## ***REPORTED QUESTIONS (preguntas en estilo indirecto)***

The most common reporting verb in questions is “ask” although we can use another ones, such as, “want to know”, “wonder”, “enquire”, etc.

**Questions using interrogatives ( this is used when the question contains an interrogative pronoun: when, where, what, how.....)**

Peter said; “Where do you live now?”  
Peter asked **where** I lived then

Mary said: “What is your name?”  
Mary asked **what** my name was

They said: “When will you go to the cinema?”  
They asked **when** I would go to the cinema

**Questions using if (this is used when the question doesn't contain an interrogative pronoun)**

Peter said: “Do you like coffee?”  
Peter asked **if** I liked coffee

The children said : “Are we going to the circus today?”  
The children asked **if** they were going to the circus that day.

Robert said: “Can you run very fast?”  
Robert asked **if** I could run very fast