

# REPORTED SPEECH STATEMENTS AND COMMANDS





## Introduction



I text my  
friends a lot.

Chloe *said* she texted her friends a lot.



## Direct speech

What people actually say written in **quotation marks**

*“I text my friends a lot.”*



## Reported speech

How we later say the exact **meaning** of what the speaker said but **not the exact words**. So we make some **changes**.

Chloe **said** she texted her friends a lot.



# Reported Speech – Tenses

## Direct speech

- **Present Simple**

*“I **like** new gadgets.”*

- **Past Simple**

*“I **bought** my mobile last week.”*

- **Present Perfect**

*“I **have bought** a new mobile.”*

- **Future simple**

*“I **will buy** a smartphone.”*

## Reported speech

- **Past Simple**

She said she **liked** new gadgets.

- **Past Perfect**

She said she **had bought** her mobile last week.

- **Past Perfect**

She said she **had bought** a new mobile.

- **Conditional**

She said she **would buy** a smartphone.



# Reported Speech – Tenses

## Direct speech

- **Present Continuous**

*“I’m **using** my new smartphone.”*

- **Modals (Present)**

*“You **should see** my new tablet.”*

- **Imperative**

*“**Be** nice to people!”*

*“**Don’t post** personal information!”*

## Reported speech

- **Past Continuous**

She said she **was using** her new smartphone.

- **Modals (Past)**

She said she **should see** her new tablet.

- **Infinitive**

She told me **to be** nice to people.

The teacher told me **not to post** personal information.



# Reported Speech – Other changes

	Direct speech	Reported speech
<b>Pronouns Determiners</b>	I / we	he / she / they
	my / our	his / her / their
	your	my / his / her / their
<b>Place</b>	here	there



# Reported Speech – Other changes



	Direct speech	Reported speech	
<b>Time</b>	Now	Then	
	At the moment	At that time	
	Today	That day	
	Tomorrow		The next day
			The following day
	Yesterday		The day before
			The previous day
This	That		
These	Those		



# Reporting verbs / Introductory verbs

- We use these verbs to report what was said before
- The most common verbs are ***say*** and ***tell***



*Say*

Mark ***said*** he liked technology.

*Tell*

Mark ***told*** the children he liked technology.





# Other reporting verbs

## *Say* pattern

admit	mention
advise*	promise*
agree	propose
announce	say
claim	suggest
complain	warn*
confirm	
declare	
explain	
insist	

## *Tell* pattern

advise\*  
assure  
convince  
inform  
notify  
persuade  
promise\*  
reassure  
remind  
tell  
warn\*



# TIME TO PRACTISE





## Complete with *said* or *told*.

1. Charlotte told his daughter she was late.
2. Jon and Mike said they had bought a new mobile phone the day before.
3. Christie told her father she wanted a tablet PC for her birthday.
4. Jennifer told me I should see her new camera.
5. Yesterday you said you wanted to see the photos.



## Complete the reported speech sentences.

1. Charlotte: Mum, It's too late to buy a new dress now.

Charlotte told her mum it was too late to buy a new dress then .

2. Jennifer: I'm doing my homework at the moment.

Jennifer said she was doing her homework at that time .

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## Report the sentences. Notice the imperative.

### Mobile phone ethics

1. “Turn off your phones in public places!”  
The form tutor told students to turn off their phones in public places.
2. “Don’t use your mobile to take pictures that violate other people’s privacy!”  
... not to use their mobiles to take pictures that violate other people’s privacy.
3. “Choose a non-annoying ringtone for your mobile phone!”  
... to choose a non-annoying ringtone for their mobile phone.



## Report the sentences. Notice the imperative.

### Mobile phone ethics

4. “Don’t bring your mobile to exams!”

... not to bring their mobiles to exams.

5. “Don’t text in class!”

... not to text in class.

6. “Switch off your mobile during lessons!”

... to switch off their mobiles during lessons.