

What is Reported Speech?

Worksheet

Reported speech transforms direct quotes into indirect statements, typically changing tense and pronouns (He said that he was busy instead of He said 'I am busy').

Questions

1. 'I am happy,' she said. Reported form?

- A) She said I am happy
- B) She said she is happy
- C) She said she was happy
- D) She said she happy

2. Tense shift: present simple in reported?

- A) stays the same
- B) becomes past simple
- C) becomes past continuous
- D) becomes present perfect

3. 'We will come,' they said. Reported form?

- A) They said we will come
- B) They said they will come
- C) They said they would come
- D) They said they come

4. Which is NOT correct reported speech?

- A) He said he was tired
- B) She claimed she liked it
- C) They said they go home
- D) I told him I was sorry

5. Tom said, 'I will finish the work tomorrow'. Convert to reported speech.

6. Direct: 'The weather is nice today.' Indirect form?

7. 'We enjoy football,' they said. Reported form?

8. Define: What is reported speech?

9. Define: Main tense shift rule?

10. Define: Do pronouns change?

Answer Key

1. C) She said she was happy — Tense shifts past (am→was), pronoun changes (I→she). Answer: She said she was happy.
2. B) becomes past simple — All tenses shift back one level in reported speech.
3. C) They said they would come — will→would (tense shift), we→they (pronoun change).
4. C) They said they go home — 'They said they go home' is wrong — should be 'went'. Tense must shift.
5. Shift tense: will → would Change pronouns: I → he Result: Tom said (that) he would finish the work the next day.
6. Shift tense: is → was No pronoun needed (observation) Result: She said the weather was nice that day.
7. Shift tense: enjoy → enjoyed Keep pronoun they (third person) Result: They said that they enjoyed football.
8. Describing what someone said without using their exact words, with tense shifts and pronoun changes.
9. Shift the verb back one tense level (present→past, will→would, etc.).
10. Yes, to fit the new subject. 'I said I love it' → He said he loved it.

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