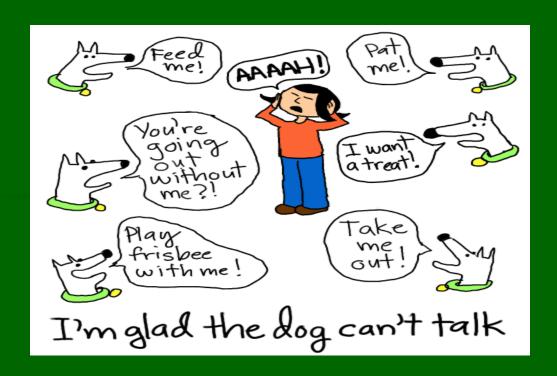
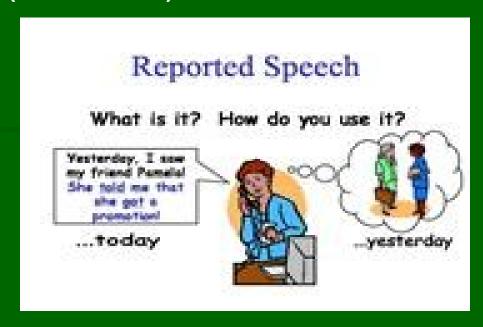


• If we report what another person has said, we usually do not use the speaker's exact words (direct speech), but reported speech (indirect).



- When transforming statements, check whether you have to change:
- pronouns
- present tense verbs (3rd person singular)
- place and time expressions
- tenses (backshift)



- Example
- direct speech
- <u>"I</u> speak English."

English.reported speech

He said that he spoke English.

Backshift of tenses		
Simple Present	Simple Past	
Simple Past		
Present Perfect	Past Perfect	
Past Perfect		
VViII	would	
Progressive	forms	
am/are/is	was/were	
was/were		
has been	had been	
had been		

Direct Speech

Simple Present

"She wants an ice-cream"

Present Continuous

"She is singing."

Present Perfect

"He has seen the film."

Past Simple

"He bought a new CD."

Past Continuous

"I was feeding the cat."

Future (Will)

"I will give her the book tomorrow."

Can

"I can dance very well."

May

"She may go to school."

Must

"You must do your homework."

Reported Speech

Simple Past

She said she wanted an icecream.

Past Continuous

She said she was singing.

Past Perfect

She said he had seen the film.

Past Perfect

She said he had bought a new CD the day before.

Past Perfect Continuous

He said he had been feeding the cat.

Conditional (Would)

He said he would give her the book the next day.

Could

She said she could dance very well.

Might

He said he might go to school.

Had to

She said he had to do his homework

Time Expressions	
today	that day
tonight	that night
now	then
yesterday	the day before/previous day
days ago	days before
last week	the week before/previous week
next year	the following year
tomorrow	the next day / the following day
Place	
here	there
Demonstratives	
this	that
these	those





•	Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.
	Change pronouns and time expressions where
	necessary.

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She said, "I am reading."	
→ She said that	
They said, "We are busy."	
→ They said that	
He said, "I know a better restaurant."	
→ He said that	
She said, "I woke up early."	
→ She said that	
He said, "I will ring her."	
→ He said that	

ey said, "We have just arrived." They said that
said, "I will clean the car." He said that
e said, "I did not say that." She said that
e said, "I don't know where my shoes e." She said that
said: "I won't tell anyone." He said that

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•	"Where is my	/ umbrella?"	she asked.

→ She asked

- "How are you?" Martin asked us.
 - → Martin asked us
- He asked, "Do I have to do it?"
 - → He asked _____
- "Where have you been?" the mother asked her daughter.
 - → The mother asked her daughter _____
- "Which dress do you like best?" she asked her boyfriend.
 - → She asked her boyfriend _____

•	"What are they doing?" she asked. → She wanted to know
•	"Are you going to the cinema?" he asked me. → He wanted to know
•	The teacher asked, "Who speaks English?" → The teacher wanted to know
•	"How do you know that?" she asked me. → She asked me
•	"Has Caron talked to Kevin?" my friend asked me. → My friend asked me

- When transforming questions, also note that you have to:
- transform the question into an indirect question
- use the interrogative or if / whether

- Interrogative direct speech
- "Why don't you speak English?"
- reported speech
- He asked me why I didn't speak English
- Direct:
- "Do you speak English?"
- reported speech:
- He asked me whether / if I spoke English.
- Online quiz