

REPORTED SPEECH

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She told me that
bla bla bla...

Bla bla bla...



REPORTED SPEECH

+ This is how we report what people said:

a. Direct Speech:

*Simon: "I **went** to Rome."*

b. Reported Speech:

*Simon said that he **had gone** to Rome.*

Subject + Reporting Verb

+ PAST
Tense
Change

+ Tenses are **moved into the past.**

a. Direct Speech:

We live in an age when unnecessary things are our only necessities.

Oscar Wilde.

+ PAST

b. Reported Speech:

Wilde said that they lived in an age when unnecessary things were their only necessities.

Subject + Reporting Verb

Tense
Change

REPORTED SPEECH

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Present Simple	Past Simple
Present Continuous	Past Continuous
Past Simple	Past Perfect
Present Perfect	Past Perfect
Am / is / are going to	Was / were going to
Must	Had to
Will	Would

* Modal Verbs (could, should, would and might) do not change

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Direct Speech	Reported Speech
I am ill	She said she was ill.
They are studying Maths	She said they were studying Maths.
She phoned me yesterday.	She said that she had phoned the day before.
Simon has come back from Paris.	He said that Simon had come back from Paris.
He is going to prepare dinner.	She said that he was going to prepare dinner.
You must finish before 9.	He said that I had to finish before 9.
I will bring you a blanket.	He said he would bring me a blanket.

REPORTED SPEECH

Thirty-five is a very attractive age. London society is full of women of the very highest birth who have remained thirty-five for years. (Oscar Wilde)

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Illusion is the first of all pleasures. (Oscar Wilde)

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I don't know with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones. (Albert Einstein)

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Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former.

(Albert Einstein)

REPORTED SPEECH

We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools. (Martin Luther King)

REPORTED SPEECH

I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book. (Groucho Marx)

1 *Yesterday you ran into a friend of yours, Helen. Helen told you a lot of things. Here are some of the things she said to you:*

1. I'm thinking of going to live in France.

2. My father is in the hospital.

3. Sue and Jim are getting married next month.

4. I haven't seen Bill for a while.

5. I've been playing tennis a lot lately.

6. Barbara has had a baby.

7. I don't know what Fred is doing.



8. I hardly ever go out these days.

9. I work 14 hours a day.

10. I'll tell Jim I saw you.

11. You can come and stay with me if you are ever in Toronto.

12. Tom had an accident last week, but he wasn't injured.

13. I saw Jack at a party a few months ago, and he seemed fine.

Later that day you tell another friend what Helen said. Use reported speech.

REPORTING VERBS

- 🌸 The most common reporting verbs are *say*, *tell* and *ask*.
- 🌸 However, there are many others that can help us be more precise in the information we want to report.

REPORTING VERBS

 *Reporting Verb + To Infinitive.*

Agree

Ask

Hope

Offer

Promise

Refuse

I will send you an email

I PROMISED TO SEND him an email.

Can I see Mary?

He ASKED TO SEE Mary.

REPORTING VERBS

 *Reporting Verb + Object + To Infinitive.*

Advise

Ask

Invite

Promise

Tell

Warn

Do you want to go with me?

She INVITED ME TO GO with her?

I think you should'nt go.

I WARNED HIM NOT TO GO.

REPORTING VERBS

Reporting Verb + (that) Clause.

Agree

Explain Complain

Hope

Point out

Promise

Reply

Say

Suggest

Warn

It is too salty!

*She **COMPLAINED (that) IT WAS** too salty.*

I want to talk to you.

*She **SAID (that) SHE WANTED** to talk to me.*

REPORTING VERBS

 *Reporting Verb + Object + (that) Clause.*

Promise

Remind

Tell

Warn

Don't forget to buy the drinks!

*She **REMINDED ME (that) I HAD TO BUY** the drinks.*

I want to talk to you.

*She **SAID (that) SHE WANTED** to talk to me.*

REPORTING VERBS

 *Suggest + -ING.*

We could invite Sarah for supper.

*Mum **SUGGESTED INVITING** inviting Sarah for supper.*

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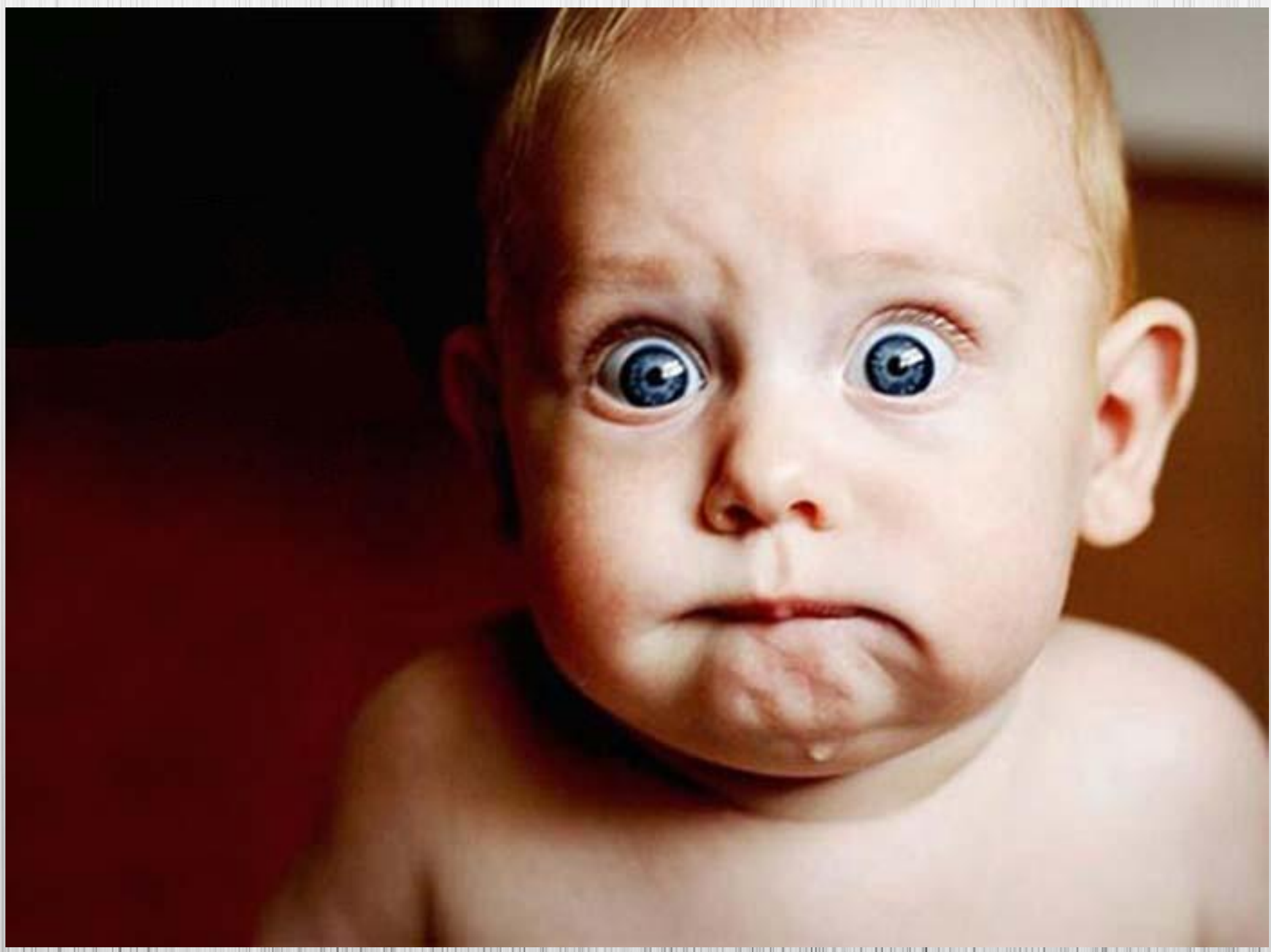
I'll pay you the money tomorrow


















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Call Nick