

Direct and Reported Speech

Direct speech uses:

- speech marks
- the speaker's actual words
- new speaker, new line
- Narration about who said it can go **before**, **after** or **in amongst** the speaker's actual words.

Reported speech:

- doesn't use speech marks
- changes pronouns, and often also changes word order
- adjusts verb tenses (and time phrases if necessary)
- usually starts by telling you who spoke
- often uses "that..." – but you can omit it

Now use these rules to turn the following short sentences into reported speech.

1. "I am going to ride my bike later," said Paul.

Paul said he _____

2. Katie announced, "My dog Lucy has just had puppies!"

Sometimes you need to add a connective so that your reported speech makes sense:

3. "Make sure you put on suncream, Tim," said Mum, "it's a hot day."

Mum told Tim to _____

4. "Dad," asked Hassan, "what is that big box for?"

5. "I will pay you back next week, Bethany," Adam promised.

Sometimes you need a different verb:

6. "See this, Aysha?" Olivia called proudly, "it's the birthday present my grandma gave me."

Olivia proudly sh _____