

Jil, I really like this new guy Tom...

That is so cute! I'll see what I can do!

Hey Tom, Liz told me she liked you!

Really? I never know how to talk to girls...

Liz

Jil

The next day...

Jil

Tom



### Reported Speech

You use reported speech when you repeat what someone said without quoting their words.

### Reported Speech in the Simple Past Tense:

If we want to repeat something someone said **earlier**, we need to use a *reporting verb* (e.g. „say“/„tell“ or „ask“) in the simple past. The verb in the sentence we want to repeat also needs to be changed to the simple past. To report a question, we add the word „if“ which is followed by the question in the simple past.



#### Example Statement:

Rep. verb + **person** + simple past form

Direct speech: I like her.

Reported speech: You said **you liked** her.



#### Example Question:

Rep. verb + **if** + **person** + simple past form

Direct speech: Do you like him?

Reported speech: You asked **if I liked** him.

- ① **The Talk.** Look at the sentences below. You have to help out Tom. Repeat his words *to Liz* using reported speech.



#### Attention!

Keep in mind that you have to change the **pronouns** (hers, his, etc./me, her, him, etc.)!

**Tom:** Hi there! I need your help. I just don't know how to talk to Liz. Please tell her what I said!

"I like Liz very much!"

*Tom said he liked you very much.*

"Does she still like me?"

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"She is extremely smart."

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"We study together."

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"I live two streets away from her."

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"She seems to be really cool!"

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"Does she like to go on dates?"

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**Reported Speech of a Request:**

If we do not want to report a statement or a question but a request, the reported speech is formed differently. Instead of using the simple past form of the verb in the original sentence, we use the infinitive.

**Example Request (+):**  
*Rep. verb + to + infinitive*

Direct speech: **Talk** to her!  
 Indirect speech: She *told* me **to talk** to her.

**Example Request (-):**  
*Rep. verb + not to + infinitive*

Direct speech: Don't **worry**!  
 Reported speech: He *told* me **not to worry**.

② **The Date.** Tom and Liz finally have a date and they have a lot to tell each other. Find the requests in the speech bubbles.

- Write down the requests in reported speech in the lines.



Did you know I like you?  
 Don't lie!

Don't worry about the money! I want to pay for you.

Let me help you. Here, take my hand!

Don't forget to text me when you get home!

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③ **Revision.** Jil wants to know everything about the date. Liz tells her about the conversation with Tom using reported speech. Which of the sentences was the original one?

He asked if I was nervous.

- „Am I nervous?“
- „Were you nervous?“
- „Are you nervous?“

I asked him if he lived in a flat.

- „Did you live in a flat?“
- „Do you live in a flat?“
- „Have you lived in a flat?“

He said he enjoyed my company!

- „He enjoys my company!“
- „I enjoyed your company!“
- „I enjoy your company!“

He mentioned he had a sister.

- „He has a sister.“
- „I have a sister.“
- „I mentioned he has a sister.“

He told me to believe in myself...

- „Believe in yourself!“
- „Tell me to believe in myself!“
- „Believe me in myself!“

I said I wanted to see him again.

- „I want to see him again!“
- „I want to see you again!“
- „I wanted to see you again!“