

Reported Speech
 You use reported speech when you repeat what someone said without quoting their

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

Example Statement:
Rep. verb + person + simple past form
 Direct speech: **I like** her.

Example Question:
Rep. verb + if + person + simple past form
 Direct speech: Do **you like** 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,

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?" _____
- "She is extremely smart." _____
- "We study together." _____
- "I live two streets away from _____
- "She seems to be really cool!" _____
- "Does she like to go on _____

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,

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

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

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

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

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!

③ **Revision.** Jill 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!“

He mentioned he had a sister.

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

He told me to believe in myself...

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

I said I wanted to see him again.

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