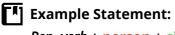


Reported Speech

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



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.

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



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

"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 (+):
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Rep. verb + to + infinitive

Direct speech: Talk to her!

Indirect speech: She told me to talk to



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 reaests 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.** 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.

I asked him if he lived in a flat. He said he enjoyed my company!

- "Were you nervous?"
- O "Did you live in a flat?" O "Do you live in a flat?"

- "Are you nervous?"
- O "Have you lived in a flat?"

I said I wanted to see him

O "I enjoyed your company!"

He mentioned he had a sister. He told me to believe in mys-... He has a sister."

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again.

, I have a sister. _ "I mentioned he has a sis-

... Believe in yourself!" _ "Tell me to believe in mys,I want to see him again! , I want to see you again!"