

LEARNING GRAMMAR

Bachillerato

Reported speech

Use of the present perfect describes an action that started in the past and until now is true.

REVENED
HE SAID HE LOVED ME

Conjugation

Do you know what to do?
 she asked if I know what to do.

Time places and pronoun changes

Direct and Indirect Speech:

- Verb Tense Changes
- Changes in Time and Place
- No Change in Verb Tenses

Simple present= simple past
 Present progressive= past progressive
 Present continuous= Past continuous
 Present perfect= past perfect

Said and told

if we want to report what people say we can use different reporting verbs, each verb have a different pattern

Frederic told me I love you
 yes, he said that

Will/ can

in the case of direct speech, "I can fly" by the way, in reported form, as with will we change "can" for "could"
 -he told me he could be my friend

| DIRECT SPEECH | REPORTED SPEECH |
|----------------|-----------------|
| CAN | COULD |
| MAY | MIGHT |
| MUST / HAVE TO | MUST / HAD TO |
| WILL | WOULD |

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REPORTED SPEECH

Use to repeat/report what someone else said

- John said (that) he would be late.

With 'say' we CAN'T use the object (e.g. 'me', 'them', 'us').

Tenses

Pres sim - Past sim
 Pres con - Past con
 Pres perf - Past perf
 Past sim - Past perf
 Will - Would
 Can - Could

Pronouns

me, you, her
 ,him, it, us, you
 them

- John told me (that) he was going to be late.

With 'tell' we NEED the object (e.g. 'me', 'you', 'her').

Examples

- He said that he had visited New York the previous year.
- He said that they had finished the work when he had arrived
- He said that he was looking for his keys

Time

that day
 then
 the day before
 ...days before
 the week before
 the following year
 the next day / the following

Place

here/there

Reported Speech

Grammar-Use reporting Verbs- Said sth-Told someone Will-would can-could

Conjugations

Imperative Sentences

Mike and Tom "We play football"
Mike and Tom told me (that) they played football.
I have got a piano lesson today.
She said that she had got a piano lesson that day.
Put the box here.
He told us to put the box there



Examples

Direct Question

Where is the Post Office, please?
She asked me where the Post Office was.
What are you doing?
She asked me what I was doing.
Who was that fantastic man?
She asked me who that fantastic man had been.

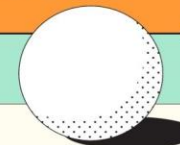
Conjugations

will
I'll see you later
She said (that) she would see me later.
would*
I would help, but."
She said (that) she would help but...
can
I can speak perfect English
She said (that) she could speak perfect English.
could*
I could swim when I was four
She said (that) she could swim when she was four.
present simple
I like ice cream
She said (that) she liked ice cream.
present continuous
I am living in London
She said (that) she was living in London.
past simple
I bought a car
She said (that) she had bought a car OR She said (that) she bought a car.
past continuous
I was walking along the street
She said (that) she had been walking along the street.
present perfect
I haven't seen Julie
She said (that) she hadn't seen Julie.
past perfect*
I had taken English lessons before
She said (that) she had taken English lessons before.



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CONJUGATION

Do you know what to do?

She asked if I knew what to do



Time, places and pronoun changes

Simple present ----> simple past
Present progressive ----> past progressive
Present continuous ----> past continuous
Present perfect ----> past perfect

go ----> went
is going ----> was going
has gone ----> had gone
went ----> had gone
had said ----> had said

Reporting verbs SAID and TOLD

When we want to report what people say, we use reporting verbs. Different reporting verbs have different patterns, for example:

Peter **told her** not to worry.

No, **she said**, "I've never seen it before."

MAIN TENSES INCLUDING WILL/CAN

Can
Direct speech: "I can swim."
In reported speech, as with will, can moves back a tense and becomes could:
• "She told me she could swim."