

DIRECT SPEECH

I haven't been here before

Yesterday we visited our friends in Linz.

What are you doing all the time?

REPORTED SPEECH

She said (that) she hadn't been there

She maintained (that) they had visited their friends in Linz the day before.

She asked what you/they were doing all the time.

What did she say?



DIRECT SPEECH => REPORTED SPEECH

I ...

he, she ...

this
these

that
those

this morning
today
now
tomorrow
next week
yesterday
three weeks ago
last year
here

that morning
that day
then
the following day
the following week
the day before
three weeks before
the year before
there

MIND YOUR TENSES

She says ...

She said ...

PRESENT
PAST
PRESENT PERFECT
WILL

PAST
PAST PERFECT
PAST PERFECT
WOULD

We usually do not change PAST PERFECT, *had better, would, could, should, ought, might* and *must*.

REPORTED SPEECH

1. "I want to go into the mountains." (Mrs. Lovell said ...)
2. "They are in London." (She mentioned that ...)
3. "We had beautiful weather." (Mr. Lovell said that ...)
4. "We'll come at nine." (Eric and Jenny told us that ...)
5. "I have never been to London." (Peter confessed ...)
6. "I will not be at home tonight." (Mother told us ...)
7. "What did the clerk tell you?" (He wanted to know what ...)
8. "Close the window!" (The teacher ordered him ...)
9. "I was in London last week" (He explained to them that ...)
10. "I haven't seen her today." (He told them that ...)
11. "Keep quiet!" (He told them ...)
12. "Wait for me!" (He asked her ...)
13. "Are you coming next weekend?" (She wanted to know if ...)
14. "I like these old cars." (He told her that ...)
15. "Ask a policeman!" (He told them ...)
16. "When will you call again?" (She wanted to know when ...)
17. "Shall we go skiing?" (She asked if ...)
18. "When did you meet them?" (She wanted to know when ...)
19. "I will travel to Italy." (She said that ...)
20. "Don't do it again!" (She asked him ...)
21. "Who told you that?" (He wanted to know ...)
22. "Don't worry!" (They told me ...)
23. "Speak up!" (She asked him ...)
24. "I didn't do it!" (The accused told them ...)
25. "I was in London last week." (She told them ...)
26. "Next week I'll visit my aunt." (He informed her ...)
27. "Last year we spent our holidays in Salzburg."
(They mentioned ...)
28. "She is always talking like that." (He remarked ...)
29. "What's your name?" (The teacher asked her ...)
30. "I must leave you now!" (She told me ...)
31. "Have you seen my spectacles?" (He wanted to know if ...)
32. "This isn't true." (She maintained ...)
33. "I like this dress." (He said that ...)

Put the following sentences into reported speech.

1. "Where are you going?"
2. "What have you been doing all the time?"
3. "Have you seen this film?"
4. "Could you help me?"
5. "Wait a moment!"
6. "Hurry up!"
7. "Don't interrupt me again!"
8. "She came rather late."
9. "I don't know what to do"
10. "Where have you been so long?"
11. "She never plays cards."
12. "Last year I spent my holidays in Spain."
13. "A few weeks ago we met him in London."
14. "When did you learn about that?"
(to learn about something = etwas erfahren)
15. "Next week he will visit his aunt in Oslo."
16. "George often goes to the cinema."
17. "You ought to do that at once."
18. "Jill wants to sing at the concert next week."
19. "Please, explain that to me again."
20. "Could you explain that to me again?"
21. "This dress suits you very well."
22. "I don't think that this dress suits me."
23. "Did you copy your homework?"
24. "I didn't tell anybody about that."
25. "Who was playing the piano when I entered the house?"
26. "Don't copy your homework!"
27. "I lived in St. Paul some years ago."
28. "Who broke the windows?"
29. "We should tell her the truth."
30. "Have you already seen all the sights Vienna is famous for?"
31. "We were having dinner when she called."
32. "Tim won't come, will he?"

LÖSUNG

1. "I want to go into the mountains."
Mrs. Lovell said (that) **she wanted to go into the mountains.**
2. "They are in London."
She mentioned that **they were in London.**
3. "We had beautiful weather."
Mr. Lovell said that **they had had beautiful weather.**
4. "We'll come at nine."
Eric and Jenny told us **that they would come at nine.**
5. "I have never been to London."
Peter confessed **he had never been to London.**
6. "I will not be at home tonight."
Mother told us **she would not be at home that night.**
7. "What did the clerk tell you?"
He wanted to know **what the clerk had told me/her/him/us/them.**
8. "Close the window!"
The teacher ordered him **to close the window.**
9. "I was in London last week"
He explained to them that **he had been in London the week before.**
10. "I haven't seen her today."
He told them that **he hadn't seen her that day,**
11. "Keep quiet!"
He told them **to be quiet.**
12. "Wait for me!"
He asked her **to wait for him.**
13. "Are you coming next weekend?"
She wanted to know **if I/he/she was (we/they were) coming the following weekend.**
14. "I like these old cars."
He told her that **he liked (likes) those old cars.**
15. "Ask a policeman!"
He told them **to ask a policeman.**
16. "When will you call again?"
She wanted to know when **I/we/they would call again.**
17. "Shall we go skiing?"
She asked if **they/we should go skiing.**

18. "When did you meet them?"
She wanted to know when **I/we had met them**.
19. "I will travel to Italy."
She said that **she would travel to Italy**.
20. "Don't do it again!" She asked him **not to do it again**.
21. "Who told you that?"
He wanted to know **who had told me/you/us/them that**.
22. "Don't worry!"
They told me **not to worry**.
23. "Speak up!"
She asked him **to speak up**.
24. "I didn't do it!"
The accused told them that **he hadn't done it**.
25. "I was in London last week."
She told them that **she had been in London the week before**.
26. "Next week I'll visit my aunt."
He informed her that **he would visit his aunt the following week**.
27. "Last year we spent our holidays in Salzburg."
They mentioned that **they had spent their holidays in Salzburg the year before**.
28. "She is always talking like that."
He remarked that **she was (is) always talking like that**.
29. "What's your name?"
The teacher asked her **what her name is/was**.
30. "I must leave you now!"
She told me that **she had to leave me/us then**.
31. "Have you seen my spectacles?"
He wanted to know if **I/we had seen his spectacles**.
32. "This isn't true."
She maintained that **it wasn't true**.
33. "I like this dress."
He said that **he liked that dress**.