

3. Verb tenses change as follows:

Direct speech

Simple Present

"I often eat ice cream," she said.

Present Continuous

"I'm eating ice cream now," she said.

Present Perfect

"I've completed my composition," he said.

Present Perfect Continuous

"I've been sunbathing all afternoon," she said.

Simple Past

"He died last Monday," she said.

Future

"He'll repair the car next Friday," he said.

Future Continuous

*"I'll be travelling home this time next month," he said.***Indirect speech**

Simple Past

She said that she often ate ice cream.

Past Continuous

She said that she was eating ice cream then.

Past Perfect

He said that he had completed his composition.

Past Perfect Continuous

She said that she had been sunbathing all afternoon.

Past Perfect

She said that he had died the previous Monday.

Conditional

He said that he would repair the car the following Friday.

Conditional Continuous

He said that he would be travelling home that time the following month.

4. The following words also change:

Direct speech

this / these

here

come

*She said, "Come here and sit down."***Indirect speech**

that / those

there

go

She told me to go there and sit down.

185. Turn the following sentences into Reported Speech

1. Bill said, "My girlfriend thinks that Chinese food is very tasty."

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2. Maria said to them, "Your reports are all typed up."

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3. Peter said to me, "You look very pretty today."

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4. Clare said, "They will have arrived in Jamaica by now."

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5. Paula said, "I've always hated the music they play at this disco."

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6. John said, "I haven't decided what type of car to buy."

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