

# Reported Speech, Reported Questions and Reporting Verbs

Transform the sentences into reported speech.

1. I can sing opera.

2. I will help you do your homework.

3. My sister and I live in a treehouse.

4. I'm going to meet the president tomorrow.

5. We learned how to dance salsa yesterday.

6. We danced on the tables yesterday in school.

1. He said he could sing opera.

2. She said she would help me do my homework.

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7. I've never tried octopus before.

8. I can't speak any Spanish.

9. My friends and I are all wearing our favourite shoes today.

10. I won't make you a cake.

11. I'm singing in the rain.

12. My brother has been working as a firefighter for 20 years.

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Transform the questions into reported questions.

1. Can you wash my dog for me?

2. Will you be at the zoo at 8 o'clock tonight?

3. What's your favourite ice cream flavour?

4. Who's going to clean up after the party?

5. Where were you yesterday at 8 in the morning?

6. How many cups of coffee did you drink?

1. He asked me if I could wash his dog for him.

2. She asked me if I would be at the zoo at 8 o'clock tonight.

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7. Have you ever been scuba diving?

8. Can you look after my little brother for the day?

9. Why are you carrying that pineapple?

10. Will you and your sister study any chemistry this weekend?

11. Are you travelling by helicopter?

12. Have you ever eaten a whole cake by yourself?

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## Reported Speech, Reported Questions and Reporting Verbs

Transform the sentences into reported speech using different reporting verbs.

1. Deny:

It wasn't me! I didn't eat all the cookies!

2. Agree:

I totally agree that giraffes are the most beautiful animals in the world.

3. Decide:

That's my final decision! We're going camping this weekend.

4. Apologise:

I'm so sorry I stepped on your toe.

5. Explain:

I was late because I had to take my dog to the vet.

6. Recommend:

You should go to the museum in town.

7. Suggest:

Why don't you buy some new boots?

1. She denied eating all the cookies.

2. He agreed that giraffes are the most beautiful animals in the world.

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8. Admit:

Ok. It was me. I ate all the pancakes.

9. Refuse:

No! I won't come into work on Sunday!

10. Insist:

I must come to the wedding. Nothing can stop me!

11. Blame:

This is all your fault! You let the sheep escape!

12. Congratulate:

Congratulations! You passed your final exam!

13. Accuse:

Brian stole the bread.

14. Promise:

I will never tell your mum that you broke your phone!

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# Answers

## Reported speech:

1. He/she/name said/told me that he/she could sing opera.
2. He/she/name said/told me that he/she would help me do my homework.
3. He/she/name said/told me that he/she lived in a treehouse with his/her sister.
4. He/she/name said/told me that he/she was going to meet the president tomorrow/the next day.
5. He/she/name said/told me that he/she had learnt how to dance salsa yesterday/the day before.
6. He/she/name said/told me that they had danced on the tables yesterday/the day before yesterday/on Monday in school.
7. He/she/name said/told me that he/she had never tried octopus before.
8. He/she/name said/told me that he/she couldn't speak any Spanish.
9. He/she/name said/told me that he/she and his/her friends were all wearing their favourite shoes today/yesterday.
10. He/she/name said/told me that he/she wouldn't make me a cake.
11. He/she/name said/told me that he/she was singing in the rain.
12. He/she/name said/told me that his/her brother had been working as a firefighter for 20 years.

## Reported questions:

1. He/she asked (me) if/whether I could wash his/her dog for him/her.
2. He/she asked (me) if/whether I would be at the zoo at 8 o'clock tonight/that night.
3. He/she asked (me) what my favourite ice cream flavour was.
4. He/she asked (me) who was going to clean up after the party.
5. He/she asked (me) where I was at 8 in the morning yesterday/that day.
6. He/she asked (me) how many cups of coffee I drank.
7. He/she asked (me) if/whether I had ever been scuba diving.
8. He/she asked (me) if/whether I could look after his/her little brother for the day.

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9. He/she asked (me) why I was carrying a pineapple.
10. He/she asked (me) if/whether my sister and I would study any chemistry this/that weekend.
11. He/she asked (me) if/whether I was travelling by helicopter.
12. He/she asked (me) if/whether I had ever eaten a whole cake by myself.

### Reporting verbs:

1. He/she denied eating all the cookies.
2. He/she agreed that giraffes are the most beautiful animals in the world.
3. He/she decided that they were going camping this weekend. /  
He/she decided to go camping that weekend.
4. He/she apologised for stepping on my toe.
5. He/she explained that he/she had been late because he/she had had to take his/her dog to the vet.
6. He/she recommended (going to) the museum in town.
7. He/she suggested buying some new boots. /  
He/she suggested that I buy some new boots.
8. He/she admitted eating all the pancakes.
9. He/she refused to come to work on Sunday.
10. He/she insisted on coming to the wedding.
11. He/she blamed me for letting the sheep escape.
12. He/she congratulated me on passing my final exam.
13. He/she accused Brian of stealing the bread.
14. He/she promised not to tell my mum that I had broken my phone. /  
He/she promised that he/she would never tell my mum that I had broken my phone.