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Can I use reported speech?

What is the difference between direct speech and indirect / reported speech?

**Direct speech** is a direct quote or statement from a person. When we use direct speech, we always need to ensure we use correct speech punctuation.

**Indirect / reported speech** is more of an explanation of what someone said, rather than a direct quote.

No need to use inverted commas  
We often use the word 'that'

Tom said he hoped that the Martian could live with him

The police were quick to remind Tom that all alien ships  
became property of the government

Tom, who has few friends, complained that the situation was  
extremely unfair

## Reported Speech:

- doesn't use speech marks
- changes pronouns, and often also changes word order
  - adjusts verb tenses (and time phrases if necessary)
    - usually starts by telling you who spoke
    - often uses "that..." - but you can omit it
      - sometimes changes the verb too.

# Reported speech:

- Doesn't use speech marks.  
John said "He was going to be late." Who is he talking about?  
John said he was going to be late. Who is John talking about now?
- Changes pronouns.  
"I'm late," said John.  
John said he was late.
- Often changes word order.  
"Am I late?" John wondered.  
John wondered whether he was late.

## Reported speech **adjusts verb tenses**

“**I’m** (present tense) late,” John muttered anxiously.

John muttered anxiously that he **was** (past tense) late.

“**We’ll** be in plenty of time for the bus,” Evie reassured him.

Evie reassured him that they **would** be in plenty of time for the bus.

“I **missed** the bus yesterday,” John admitted.

John admitted that he **had missed** the bus the day before. (past perfect tense)



## Reported speech **adjusts time phrases**

“I missed the bus **yesterday**,” John admitted.

John admitted that he had missed the bus **the day before**.

“We’re going to see our grandad **tomorrow**,”

Hassan reminded them.

Hassan reminded them that they were going to see their grandad **the next day**.

Katie announced: “I’m leaving **this afternoon**.”

Katie announced that she would be leaving **that afternoon**.