REPORTED SPEECH / INDIRECT SPEECH - basics

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| **DIRECT SPEECH** | **INDIRECT SPEECH** |
| **Present Tense** Sue: I am tired. I enjoy my new job. I am looking for a new car. I have to leave early. | **Past Tense**Sue said (that) |
| **Present Perfect Tense** Tom: I have worked hard. My friend has gone to Australia. | **Past Perfect Tense**Tom told me (that) |
| **Past Tense** Lucy: I was not invited to the party. I went to town. I met my friends. | **Past Perfect Tense**Lucy said (that) |
| **Future Tense - will** Sam: I will call you. The weather will be fine. | **Conditional I - would**Sam told me (that) |

**You also have to change the pronouns and the following words:**

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| **DIRECT SPEECH** |  | **INDIRECT SPEECH** |
| here |  |
| yesterday |  |
| a year ago |  |
| today |  |
| tomorrow |  |
| last year (week, ...) |  |
| next year (week, ...) |  |
| this - these |  |
| now | (at that moment, then)am besten auslassen! |

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| **Present Perfect Tense** Tom: I have worked hard. My friend has gone to Australia. | **Past Perfect Tense**Tom told me (that) **he had** worked hard.He told me that **his** friend **had** gone to Australia. |
| **Past Tense** Lucy: I was not invited to the party. I went to town. I met my friends. | **Past Perfect Tense**Lucy said (that) **she** **hadn´t been** invited to the party.She said that **she had gone** to town.She said that **she had met** her friends. |
| **Future Tense - will** Sam: I will call you. The weather will be fine. | **Conditional I - would**Sam told me (that) **he would** call me.Sam said that the weather **would** be fine. |

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| here | there |
| yesterday | the day before |
| a year ago | a year before |
| today | that day |
| tomorrow | the following day |
| last year (week, ...) | the year (week) before |
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