

Correction

Class #4 – reported speech and giving your opinion

1. Reported speech

1.a. Examples

Direct speech Mike says:	Reported speech
'I am tired.'	Mike said (that) he was tired.
'My parents are fine.'	Mike said (that) his parents were fine.
'I am going to learn Chinese.'	He said (that) he was going to learn Chinese.
'I went to the movies last night.'	He said (that) he had gone to the movies the night before.
'I moved here two years ago.'	He said (that) he had moved there two years before .
'I don't know what to do now.'	He said (that) he didn't know what to do then .
'Listen to me!'	He told me to listen to him.
'Don't get angry!'	He told me not to get angry.
'L.A. is bigger than Paris;'	He said (that) L.A. was bigger than Paris. <i>Or (because this statement is still true):</i> He said that L.A. is bigger than Paris.

'I must go.'	He said he had to go.
'I may get fired.'	He said he might get fired.
'I will finish tomorrow.'	He said he would finish the next day .

1.b. Recap on time and place

Direct speech	Reported speech
This morning	That morning
Today	That day
Tomorrow	The next day / the following day
Last year	The year before / the previous year
Now	Then / at that moment
Here	There

1.c. Recap on tenses

Simple present	Simple past Or simple present if the statement is still true
Simple past	Past perfect
Present perfect	
Past perfect	
Will	Would
Am / are / is	Was / were

May	Might
Was / were	Had been
Has been / have been	
Had been	
Imperative	Infinitive
Imperative - negative form	Not + infinitive

1.d. Practice

Direct speech	Indirect speech
1. 'How old is she?'	He wondered how old she was.
2. 'Where do you live?'	He wanted to know where I lived.
3. 'You will feel better soon'	He said I would feel better soon / a bit later.
4. 'Have you seen my house keys?'	He asked me whether / if I had seen his house keys.
5. 'Please don't call me after midnight.'	He told me not to call him after midnight.
6. 'Stop complaining!'	She told me to stop complaining.
7. 'The sun rises in the east.'	He said the sun rises in the east. (= a science fact)
8. 'Water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit.'	They said (that) water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

1.e. Speaking activity on reported speech

(to be given in class or later in the semester depending on the time left)

2. Giving your opinion: training for test #2

2a. Exercise #1. Prepare for 3 minutes and get ready to speak.

Work alone. Elon Musk said "If humanity doesn't land on Mars in my lifetime, I will be very disappointed." Do you share his opinion?

2b. Exercise #2. Pair work.

Student A chooses the question from the list Student B will work on, and vice versa.

You have 3 minutes to try and improvise an answer with arguments and examples.

Student A speaks first and Student B takes notes. Then switch roles.

1. 'Eating meat should be banned.' Do you agree with this statement?
2. 'Animal testing is necessary.' Do you agree with this statement?
3. Do you think euthanasia should be allowed?
4. Do you believe medical marijuana should be legalized?
5. Birth control pills should be free. Do you agree with this statement?
6. Should scientists work on a way to live forever?
7. Should vaccination be mandatory?
8. Should all public universities be free for everyone?
9. Do you think teachers should be replaced by online teaching and AI technology?
10. Do you think prisoners should pay for their own food and electricity in jail?
11. 'Teenagers should be trialed as adults when they commit a crime.' Do you agree with this statement?
12. Should unhealthy products such as sugary or greasy food be taxed at a higher rate?

13. 'Palm oil must be banned.' Do you agree with this statement?

3. Reporting to the group.

Example: I talked with xxx who said that...

4. Pronunciation: minimal pairs.

- a. To walk to work
- b. To live to leave
- c. Still to steal
- d. Thigh to sigh
- e. Cap cab
- f. Chip cheap
- g. To sink to think
- h. A pen a pain
- i. A lid to lead
- j. Ring wing

5. Pronunciation. Read the words out loud and circle the words in which you can hear /h/

Ghost	Why?	Hospital	Hour
Home	Hoarse	Which	Hold
High	Honesty	Offhanded	How
Vehicle	Heritage	Exhausted	Heart
Hobby	Heir	Hair	Hi!

Do you want to practice more at home?

<https://speakspeak.com/english-grammar-exercises/upper-intermediate/reported-speech>