

# The Reported Speech

Reporting verb is in *present simple, present perfect or future simple*



## Direct Speech

George: "I **don't have** a car."

## Indirect Speech

George says (that) he **doesn't have** a car.  
George has said (that) he **doesn't have** a car.  
George will say (that) he **doesn't have** a car.

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## Direct Speech

### Present Simple

George: "I **don't have** a car."

### Past Simple

George: "I **didn't have** a car."

### Present Perfect

George: "I **haven't had** a car."

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George: "I **haven't had** a car."

### Present Perfect Continuous

George: "I **have been walking** for two hours."

### Past Continuous

George: "I **was walking** at two o'clock."

### Past Perfect Continuous

George: "I **had been walking** for two hours when you called me."

### Be going to

George: "I'm **going to buy** a car."

### Future simple

George: "I'll **buy** a car."

## Indirect Speech (Reported Speech)

George said (that) he **didn't have** a car.

Past Simple

George said (that) he **hadn't had** a car.

Past Perfect

George said (that) he **had been walking** for two hours.

George said (that) he **had been walking** at two o'clock.

Past Perfect Continuous

George said (that) he **had been walking** for two hours.

George said (that) he **was going to buy** a car.

Was/were going to

George said (that) he **would buy** a car.

Would

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### Direct Speech to Indirect Speech (Reported Speech) *example sentences*

<b>Present Simple</b>	George: "I <b>don't have</b> a car."	Past Simple
<b>Past Simple</b>	George: "I <b>didn't have</b> a car."	
<b>Present Perfect</b>	George: "I <b>haven't had</b> a car."	Past Perfect
<b>Past Perfect</b>	George: "I <b>haven't had</b> a car."	
<b>Present Perfect Continuous</b>	George: "I <b>have been walking</b> for two hours."	
<b>Past Continuous</b>	George: "I <b>was walking</b> at two o'clock."	Past Perfect Continuous
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## Indirect Speech (Reported Speech)

<i>George said (that) he <b>didn't have</b> a car.</i>
<i>George said (that) he <b>hadn't had</b> a car.</i>
<i>George said (that) he <b>had been walking</b> for two hours.</i>
<i>George said (that) he <b>had been walking</b> at two o'clock.</i>
<i>George said (that) he <b>had been walking</b> for two hours.</i>
<i>George said (that) he <b>was going to buy</b> a car.</i>
<i>George said (that) he <b>would buy</b> a car.</i>

## The Change

Past Simple
Past Perfect
Past Perfect Continuous
Was/were going to
Would

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