

## THERE IS SO MUCH TO KNOW ABOUT REPORTED SPEECH...

### Reported Speech

What is it? How do you use it?



Yesterday, I ran into Premal. She told me that she got a promotion!  
... today ... yesterday

### QUICK FACTS

The **4** things you mustn't forget!

#### A) The changes of verb tenses in the indirect (reported) speech

**1. Present - past**  
The present simple tense becomes the past simple tense and the present continuous becomes the past continuous.  
• "I never understand you," she told me. - She told me she never understood me.  
• "We are exercising," he explained. - He explained that they were exercising.

**2. Present perfect - past perfect**  
The present perfect simple changes into the past perfect simple and the present perfect continuous changes into the past perfect continuous.  
• "I have broken the window," he admitted. - He admitted that he had broken the window.  
• "I have been waiting since the morning," he complained. - He complained that he had been waiting since the morning.

**3. Past - past perfect**  
The past simple tense becomes the past perfect simple and the past continuous becomes the past perfect continuous.  
• "She went to Rome," I thought. - I thought that she had gone to Rome.  
• "He was thinking of buying a new car," she said. - She said he had been thinking of buying a new car.

**4. Will - conditional**  
Will changes into the conditional.  
• "I will come on Sunday," he reminded me. - He reminded me that he would come on Sunday.



### DON'T FORGET THE VERBS!

The verb forms remain the same in the direct and indirect speech in the following cases.

**Don't Forget!** If the reporting verb is in the present tense.  
• Bismoy: "I am enjoying my holiday." - Bismoy says he is enjoying his holiday.  
• Sonali: "I will never go to work." - Sonali says she will never go to work.

**Don't Forget!** When we report something that is still true.  
• Dan: "Asia is the largest continent." - Dan said Asia is the largest continent.  
• Emmu: "People in Africa are starving." - Emmu said people in Africa are starving.

**Don't Forget!** When the speech is made and reported at the same time and the fact is still true.  
• Mayuraxi: "I am thirsty." - Mayuraxi said he is thirsty.

**Don't Forget!** With modal verbs would, might, could, should, ought to, used to.  
• Keramat: "I would try it." - Keramat said he would try it.  
• Mimi: "I might come." - Mimi said she might come.  
• Karim: "I could fail." - Karim said he could fail.  
• Zarina: "He should/ought to stay in bed." - Zarina said he should/ought to stay in bed.  
• Bachchu: "I used to have a car." - Bachchu said he used to have a car.

**Don't Forget!** 5. After wish, would rather, had better, it is time.  
• Mrinmoy: "I wish they were in Greece." - Mrinmoy said she wished they were in Greece.  
• Mayuk: "I would rather fly." - Mayuk said he would rather fly.  
• Sakhina: "They had better go." - Sakhina said they had better go.  
• Mafiz: "It is time I got up." - Mafiz said it was time he got up.

**Don't Forget!** In if-clauses.  
• Kulsum: "If I tidied my room, my dad would be happy." - Kulsum said that if she tidied her room, her dad would be happy.

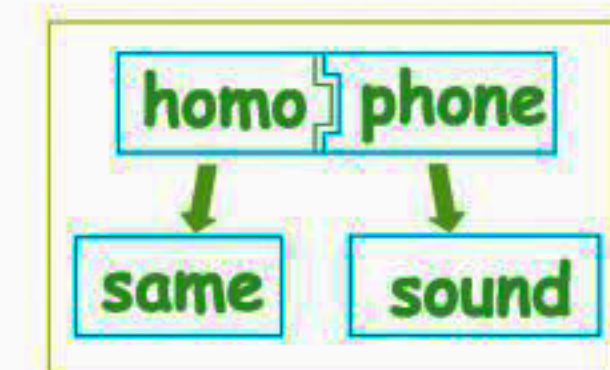
**Don't Forget!** In time-clauses.  
• Jainal: "When I was staying in Madrid I met my best friend." - He said that when he was staying in Madrid he met his best friend.

**Don't Forget!** We do not change the past tense in spoken English if it is clear from the situation when the action happened.  
• "She did it on Sunday," I said. - I said she did it on Sunday.  
• We must change the tense, however, in the following sentence, otherwise it will not be clear whether we are talking about the present or past feelings.  
• "I hated her," he said. - He said he had hated her.

**Don't Forget!** We do not usually change the modal verbs 'must' and 'needn't'. But 'must' can become 'had to' or 'would have to' and 'needn't' can become 'didn't have to' or 'wouldn't have to' if we want to express an obligation. 'Would/wouldn't have to' are used to talk about future obligations.  
• "I must wash up." - He said he must wash up/he had to wash up.  
• "I needn't be at school today." - He said he needn't be/didn't have to be at school that day.  
• "We must do it in June." - He said they would have to do it in June.

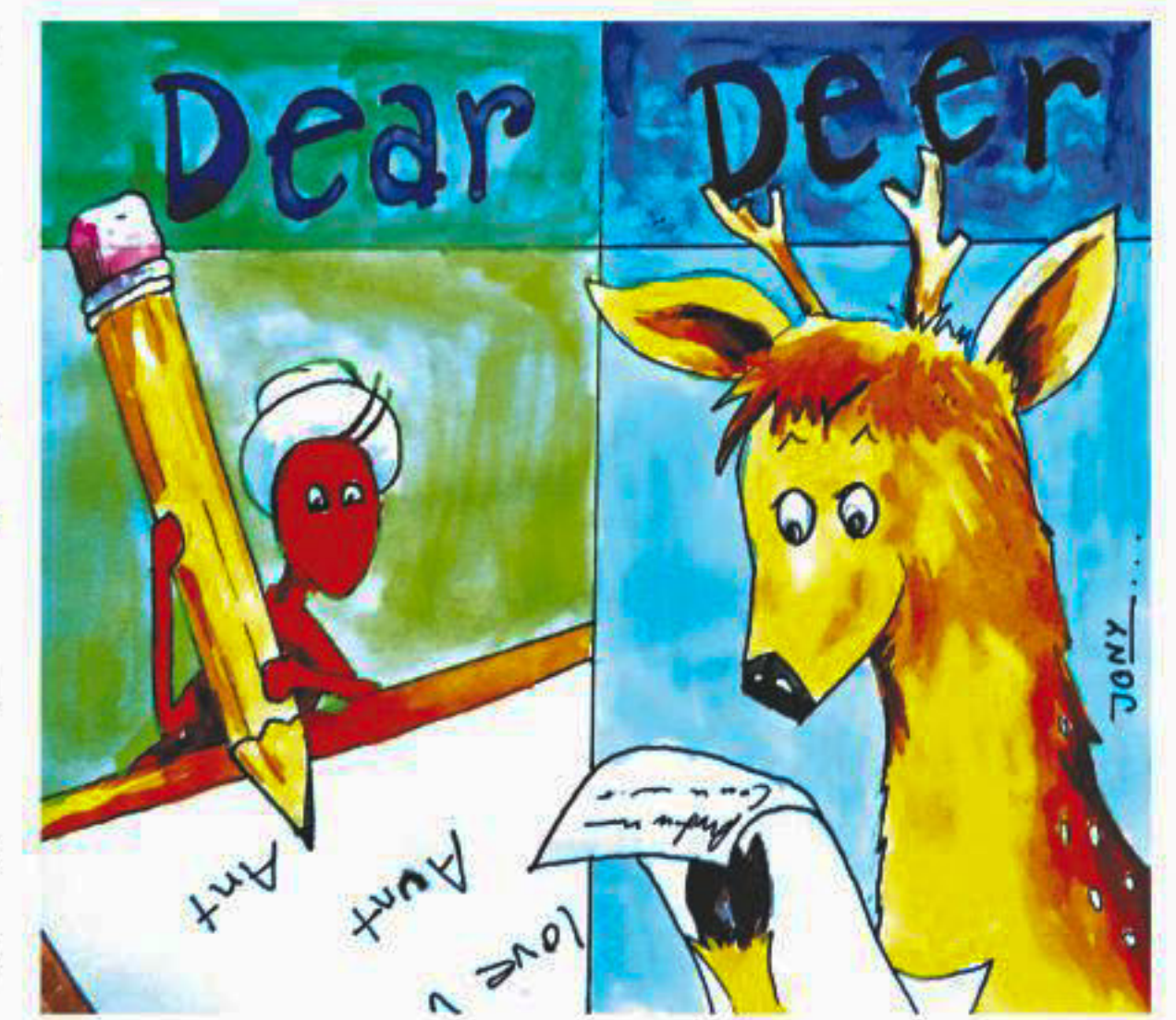
• If the modal verb must does not express obligation, we do not change it.  
• "We must relax for a while." (suggestion) - He said they must relax for a while.  
• "You must be tired after such a trip." (certainty) - He said we must be tired after such a trip.

## DO YOU REMEMBER THE HOMOPHONES?



**Homophones** are words that have different spelling but almost the same sound.

example: week, weak



### Exercise 1

**Directions: Choose the correct homophone to complete each sentence.**

- Captain Carl will \_\_\_\_\_ the catamaran south toward Martha's Vineyard. (sail / sale)
- The amount of \_\_\_\_\_ that is generated by some companies is very sad. (waste / waist)
- Make sure you set the \_\_\_\_\_ on the go cart so it doesn't roll down the hill. (break / brake)
- Please add the numbers on this spreadsheet and calculate the \_\_\_\_\_. (some / sum)
- The King and Queen welcomed their new \_\_\_\_\_ to the palace. (prints / prince)

### Exercise 2

**Directions: Choose the correct homophone to complete each sentence.**

- I like to \_\_\_\_\_ in my journal each day. (write, right)
- She made a wish and \_\_\_\_\_ hard! (blue, blew)
- My soccer team \_\_\_\_\_ the game today! (one, won)
- There is only one more \_\_\_\_\_ left. (week, weak)
- I had large \_\_\_\_\_ of pumpkin pie. (piece, peace)
- Let's \_\_\_\_\_ the marbles using this scale. (way, weigh)
- Close one \_\_\_\_\_ and read the chart. (eye, I)
- Do you \_\_\_\_\_ if they are here yet? (know, no)
- I will be \_\_\_\_\_ years old in two days. (eight, ate)
- The black \_\_\_\_\_ grabbed a fish to eat. (bare, bear)

### Exercise 3

## Now it is Your Turn!

**Directions: Choose the correct homophone from the box to complete each sentence.**

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- This year, my family vacation will be to take a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lulu said that each \_\_\_\_\_ I save adds up to dollars.
- What made each show run smoothly were the \_\_\_\_\_.
- I helped my nana roll out the \_\_\_\_\_ for the cookies.
- My library books are \_\_\_\_\_ next Thursday.
- The fawn grazed in the grass with its mother, the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The cinnamon \_\_\_\_\_ from the candle was great!
- The grass this spring morning was covered with \_\_\_\_\_.



## THE CASE OF 'SHALL' & 'WILL'

**I shall, we shall** usually become **would**.  
• "I shall appreciate it," he said. - He said he would appreciate it.  
**The first person conditional I should, we should** usually changes into **would**.  
• "We should be really glad," she told us. - She told us they would be really glad.  
• May becomes might. "I may write to him," she promised. - She promised that she might write to him.

### ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED AUGUST 3, 2015)

**KEY: TEST 1 LEVEL 1** (--- zero article, which means no article is needed)  
1. --- modern life is stressful. (no article) 2. What's the capital of your country? 3. A doctor earns more than a teacher. 4. Do you know who invented the computer? 5. Have you seen the newspaper? I can't find it anywhere. 6. Is this the first time you've stayed at the Hilton? 7. Is the Nile or the Amazon the longest river on earth? (no article) 8. Several million visitors a year are attracted to the ski slopes of the Alps. 9. I'll meet you outside the post office. I'll be there in a quarter of an hour. 10. --- young people tend to think that --- life was more difficult in the past. (no article) 11. In my opinion --- education should be free. (no article) 12. The education I got at --- school was excellent. (no article) 13. In some cities, --- cars have been banned from the centre. (no article) 14. I went to --- Buckingham Palace today. It was great. (no article)  
**KEY: TEST 2 LEVEL 2** (--- zero article, which means no article is needed)  
1. The moon goes round the earth every 27 days.  
2. The Soviet Union was the first country to send a man into --- space. 3. Did you see the film on --- television or at the cinema? 4. I'm not very hungry, I had a big breakfast. 5. I never listen to the radio. In fact, I haven't got a radio. 6. What is the highest mountain in the world? 7. It was a long voyage. We were at --- sea for four weeks. 8. Look at the apples on that tree. They're very large. 9. --- women are often better teachers than --- men. 10. In Britain --- coffee is more expensive than --- tea.  
**KEY: READING COMPREHENSION**  
1.A, 2.B, 3.B, 4.C, 5.B, 6.D, 7.A, 8.C, 9.D, 10.B

## GRAMMAR DRILL

### Change the following direct speech into indirect speech:

- "He works in a bank" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "We went out last night" She told me \_\_\_\_\_
- "I'm coming!" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "I was waiting for the bus when he arrived" She told me \_\_\_\_\_
- "I'd never been there before" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "I didn't go to the party" She told me \_\_\_\_\_
- "Lucky'll come later" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "He hasn't eaten breakfast" She told me \_\_\_\_\_
- "I can help you tomorrow" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "You should go to bed early" She told me \_\_\_\_\_
- "I don't like chocolate" She told me \_\_\_\_\_
- "I won't see you tomorrow" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "She's living in Paris for a few months" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "I visited my parents at the weekend" She told me \_\_\_\_\_
- "She hasn't eaten sushi before" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "I hadn't travelled by underground before I came to London" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "They would help if they could" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "I'll do the washing-up later" She told me \_\_\_\_\_
- "He could read when he was three" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "I was sleeping when Jainal called" She said \_\_\_\_\_

Find the answers in next MONDAY issue

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