



# ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Unit 48 – Reported speech 2

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# Reported speech 2

## CÁCH CHUYỂN ĐỔI

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- ❖ We do not always change the verb in reported speech. If the situation is still the same, it is not necessary to change the verb to the past. For example:
  - EX1:           direct           Paul said, 'My new job is boring.'
  - reported       Paul **said** that his new job **is** boring.  
(The situation is still the same. His job is still boring now.)
  - EX2:           direct           Helen said, 'I want to go to Canada next year.'
  - reported       Helen **told** me that she **wants** to go to Canada next year.  
(Helen still wants to go to Canada next year.)
- ❖ You can also change the verb to the past:
  - Paul **said** that his new job **was** boring.
  - Helen **told** me that she **wanted** to go to Canada next year.
- ❖ But if the situation has changed or finished, you need to use a past verb. Compare:
  - EX3: Paul left the room suddenly. He said 'I have to go.' (direct speech)
  - Paul left the room suddenly. He said (that) he **had to** go. (not has to go)

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## CÁCH CHUYỂN ĐỔI

B



RACHEL

Joe is in hospital.

ital. Rachel said you **were** in hospital

JOE

You need to use the past in reported speech when what was said is different from what is really true.

### For example:

- You met Rachel a few days ago. She said:  
**Have you heard? Joe is in hospital.**
- Later that day you meet Joe in the street. You say:  
**Joe, this is a surprise. Rachel said you were in hospital.**  
(not 'you are in hospital' – it's clear that he isn't)

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## SAY AND TELL

C

**If you say who somebody is talking to, use tell:**

- EX4: Rachel told me that you were in hospital. (not Rachel said me)
- EX5: What did you tell the police? (not say the police)

**Otherwise use say:**

- EX6: Rachel said that you were in hospital. (not Rachel told that ...)
- EX7: What did you say?

**You can ‘say something to somebody’:**

- EX8: Anna said goodbye to me and left. (not Anna said me goodbye)
- EX9: What did you say to the police?

**Tell somebody about something**

**Say something to somebody**

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## TELL SOMEBODY TO DO SOMETHING

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- ❖ We say ‘tell somebody to ...’ and ‘ask somebody to ...’.

Compare direct and reported speech:

- EX10: direct ‘Drink plenty of water,’ the doctor said to me.  
reported The doctor **told me to drink** plenty of water.
- EX11: direct ‘Don’t work too hard,’ I said to Joe.  
reported I **told Joe not to work** too hard.
- EX12: direct ‘Can you help me, please,’ Jackie said to me.  
reported Jackie **asked me to help** her.

- ❖ You can also say ‘Somebody said (not) to do something’:

- EX13: Paul **said not to worry** about him. (but not Paul said me)

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## BÀI TẬP NHANH

Anna \_\_\_\_\_ goodbye to me and left .

A. said

B. says

C. told

D. tell

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## TÓM TẮT

1. Khi đổi câu từ trực tiếp sang tường thuật, không phải lúc nào chúng ta cũng đổi thì từ hiện tại thành quá khứ. Nếu sự việc vẫn đúng vào thời điểm tường thuật, chúng ta có thể giữ nguyên thì của động từ trong câu tường thuật.

Paul **said** that his new job **is** boring.

2. Khi nội dung tường thuật không còn đúng tại thời điểm kể lại, nhất thiết chúng ta phải dùng thì quá khứ.

Joe, this is a surprise. Rachel **said** you **were** in hospital.

3. Chú ý sự khác biệt giữa **say** và **tell**. Chúng ta nói tell somebody, nhưng không nói say somebody.
4. Khi tường thuật câu mệnh lệnh, chúng ta dùng cấu trúc **tell someone to do something**, hoặc **ask someone to do something**.

The doctor **told me to drink** plenty of water.