# Reported Speech

**Guided Discovery Worksheet** 

Answer Sheet

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"Nothing," said Tina, "I am going to fire you.	that she couldn't fire him, and he quit! Tina asked him if
You don't work here anymore."	he was serious, and he said yes!
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## Underline the two past tense statements in red.

- 1. Underline the **two past tense <u>statements</u>** in the **direct speech** above. USE RED.
  - a. Find the **same two past tense statements** in the **reported speech** and underline them. USE RED.
  - b. How did the first statement **change** in reported speech? *Hint: Look at the pronouns and the verbs.* 
    - i. My changed to his, and broke stayed the same.
  - c. How did the second statement **change** in reported speech? *Hint: Look at the pronouns and the verbs.* 
    - i. You became him, and saw became had seen.

## Underline the <u>can statement</u> in <u>blue</u>.

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### Underline the <u>can statement</u> in <u>blue</u>.

- 2. Underline the <u>statement</u> with the modal can in the direct speech and in the reported speech above. USE BLUE.
  - a. How did the **can** sentence change in reported speech? *Hint: Look at the pronouns* and the verbs.
    - You changed to she, and can changed to could.

# Underline the <u>present simple</u> and <u>going to</u> in <u>orange</u>.

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### Underline the <u>present simple</u> and <u>going to</u> in <u>orange</u>.

- 3. Underline the **present simple <u>statement</u>** and **"going to" statement** from Tina in **direct speech**. USE ORANGE.
  - a. Find the **same two <u>statements</u>** in the **reported speech** and underline them. USE ORANGE.
  - b. How did the first statement **change** in reported speech? *Hint: Look at the pronouns and the verbs.* 
    - i. I changed to he, and am changed to was.
  - c. How did the second statement **change** in reported speech? *Hint: Look at the pronouns and the verbs.* 
    - i. You changed to he, don't changed to didn't.

# Underline the WH- word questions in green.

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### Underline the WH- word questions in green.

- 4. Underline the **two WH- question word <u>questions</u>** in the **direct speech** above.
  - a. Find the **same two WH- question word <u>questions</u>** in the **reported speech** and underline them. USE GREEN.
  - b. Write the word order of the first question in the direct speech and in the reported speech.
    - i. WH- word + auxiliary + subject + verb in base form?
    - ii. WH- word + subject + auxiliary + verb in past.
  - c. Write the word order of the **second question** in the **direct speech** and in the **reported speech**.
    - i. WH- word + auxiliary + subject + verb in base form?
    - ii. WH- word + subject + auxiliary + verb in past.

# Underline the YES/NO question in yellow.

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#### Underline the YES/NO question in yellow.

- 5. Underline the one YES/NO question in the direct speech above. USE YELLOW.
  - a. Find the **same YES/NO** <u>question</u> in the **reported speech** and underline it. USE YELLOW.
  - b. Write the word order of the first question in the direct speech and in the reported speech.
    - i. Auxiliary + subject + verb in base form?
    - ii. WHETHER/IF + subject + verb in past.

## So what did you learn about pronouns in reported speech?

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
I, you, my, mine, your, yours	He, she, it, his, him, her, hers, its
He, she, it, his, him, her, hers, its, they, them, their, theirs	NO CHANGE
We, us, our, ours	they, them, their, theirs

## What did you learn about verbs in reported speech?

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
Present simple	Past simple
Past simple	Past simple, Past perfect
Present perfect	Past perfect
can	could
should	should
will	would

#### What did you learn about question word order in reported speech?

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
WH- word question	WH- word question
WH- word + auxiliary + subject + verb in base form?	WH- word + subject + auxiliary + verb in past.
Yes/No question	Yes/No question
Auxiliary + subject + verb in base form?	He asked WHETHER/IF + subject + verb in past.

# Practice Reported Speech

Now it's time to practice!

Change the sentences from <u>direct speech</u> to <u>reported speech</u>.

#### Answers.

- 1. He asked if she liked pizza.
- 2. She said she was going.
- 3. They asked where he was.
- 4. Tim said that he ate at the shopping mall.
- 5. He said that they could read a book.
- 6. Anita said she would visit him next week.
- 7. The child said that the dinosaur was so cute.
- 8. She asked what they were waiting for.
- 9. The teacher asked if they finished their homework.
- 10. She asked whether she had ever tried sushi.

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**Discussion Questions** 

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- 1. What did the teacher just say?
- 2. What did one of your classmates just say?
- 3. What did someone in your home tell you before you left the house today?
- 4. How did you respond?
- 5. Explain the last text you received using reported speech. (For example, my friend texted me and said that I should go to the movies with her on Friday.)
- 6. What was the last phone call you made about?
- 7. Have you heard any *juicy gossip* lately? What did you hear?
- 8. What was the last thing you heard on the news? (I heard that Argentina won the world cup.)
- 9. What was one of your recent emails about? (The shopping mall emailed me and told me that there was a going to be a sale this weekend.)
- 10. What is one thing that you told someone in this class today?