Reported Speech

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
Simple Present "I **fear** there **will** be no schools in the camp", Muzon said.	**Simple Past** Muzon said that she **feared** there **would** be no schools in the camp.
Present Continuous "I**'m trying** to convince young girls to finish their education", she said.	**Past Continuous** She said that she **was trying** to convince young girls to finish their education.
Present Perfect "I **have encountered** opposition in my efforts", she said.	**Past Perfect** She said that she **had encountered** opposition in her efforts.
Present Perfect Continuous "I **have been trying** hard to help young girls in the camp", she said.	**Past Perfect Continuous** She said that she **had been trying** hard to help young girls in the camp.
Simple Past "When my family **fled** the war in Syria, things **were** really bad for us", she said.	**Past Perfect** She said that when her family **had fled** the war in Syria, **things had been** really bad for them.
Past Continuous "I **was trying** to cajole parents into letting their daughters attend school", she said.	**Past Perfect Continuous** She said that she **had been trying** to cajole parents into letting their daughters attend school.
Future "I **will continue** my studies in Jordan", she said.	**would** She said that she **would continue** her studies in Jordan.
Can	**Could**

"I **can convince** people go to school but I **can't build** schools", she said.	She said that she **could convince** people go to school but she **couldn't build** schools.
Must "I **must help** all young girls have a better future", she said.	**Have to** She said that she **had to help** all young girls have a better future.
May "I **may continue** my studies abroad", she said.	**Might** She said that she **might continue** her studies abroad.
Shall "What else **shall I do** to help young girls", she wondered.	**Should** She wondered what else she **should do** to help young girls.

Expressions of time and place in indirect speech

Direct Speech	**Indirect Speech**
this	that
these	those
Now	then/at that time
here	there
today	that day
tonight	that night
yesterday	the day before/the previous day
tomorrow	the next day/the following day
next month/year	the following month/year

ago	before
come "Come here", he said.	go He asked me to go there.

Reporting Questions

"Do you know the answer?" he asked me.
→He asked me if/whether I knew the answer.

"Will you leave tomorrow?" she asked him.→
He asked him if/whether he would leave the next day.

When we report questions:

- We put the verb in the affirmative
- We change the pronouns, the tenses and the time expressions.
- We use the introductory verbs ask/want to know/wonder +if, whether, why, where, how, who…..

1. "How much did you pay for this hat?" my sister asked me.

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2." Do you want me to put it in a bag?" the assistant asked me.

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3. "How long have you been waiting for me?" I asked Paul.

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4. "Will everyone join us for the day trip?" Eva asked Mark.

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5. "How many people attended the lecture?" Miss Jones asked.

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6. "Why are they making so much noise today?" the teacher asked them,

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7. "What would you do if you were in my shoes?" Helen asked him.

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8. "Why don't you put your toys away?" our mother asked us.

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9. "Would you speak to him if you saw him?" he asked me.

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10. "Has everybody found a seat?" he asked us.

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11. "Why did you take my wallet?" he asked.

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12. "Did you borrow my dictionary?" he asked.

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13. "Does your brother live in London?" he asked.

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14. "Do you know who broke the window?" she asked.

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15. "Have you finished your exams?" she asked.

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There is **no change in verb tenses** in Reported Speech when:

1. the sentence expresses a general truth of permanent states and conditions. *"The earth **is** round", the teacher said.→* *The teacher said that the earth **is** round.*
2. the introductory verb is in the Present, Future or Present Perfect Tense *"It's a beautiful watch", he **says**. →He **says** that it's a beautiful watch.*
3. the verb of the sentence is in the Unreal past (2nd and 3rd type conditionals) *«If I **knew** the truth I **would tell** you", he said to her.→* *He told her that if he **knew** the truth he **would tell** her.*
4. the following verbs are used: **had better**, **would**, **could**, **used to**, **should might**, **ought to**, **mustn't**. *"He **ought to be** more polite to older people", he said.→* *He said that he **ought to be** more polite to older people.*
5. the reported sentence contains a time clause *"**When** I **was** young I **worked** a lot" he said.→* *He said that **when** he **was** young he **worked** a lot.*
6. the sentence expresses something which is believed to be true. In this case the verb tense can either change or remain unchanged. *"My father **isn't working** at the moment", he said.→* *He said that his father **isn't working/wasn't working** at the moment.*

Convert these sentences into Reported Speech.

1. "The lights went out while we were watching our favourite film", they said.

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2. "Danny has been sleeping all afternoon his mother said to us", his mother said to us.

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3. "If you had followed my advice, you wouldn't have made so many mistakes", I said to her.

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4. "If Lee lived in the countryside, she would be happier", he said.

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5. "This room has been specially designed to display artefacts", said the tour guide.

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6. "It is an undisputed fact that London has a lot of museums", Arthur said to us.

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Special Introductory Verbs

Convert into the Reported Speech using the word given.

1. "Don't forget to invite Anna to the reception", he said to her. **reminded**

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2. "You should talk to her in a more polite manner", I said to him. **requested**

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3. "No, I didn't tell the police about your involvement in the robbery", I said to her. **denied**

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4. Tony's father told him: "I will punish you if you hit your sister again". **warned**

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5. "Here you can borrow my pen to write your address", he said to me. **offered**

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6. "I'm sorry I disappointed you, mum", Tina said. **apologized**

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7. "You lied to me when I asked you about your relationship with George", he told me. **accused**

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8. "They view from this spot is spectacular", they said. **exclaimed**

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9. "The service at this restaurant isn't that good", they said. **claimed**

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10. "I will shoot the hostages unless I'm given the money", the robber said.
threatened
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B. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first given, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. "You are not allowed to smoke in your room, Dick", said his mother.
forbade
Dick's mother …… in his room.

2. Sue thought it would be a good idea for me to see a doctor.
advised
Sue …… see a doctor.

3. The minister proposed regular meetings for the committee.
suggested
The minister …… should meet regularly.

4. "No, I really don't want to stay the night, Sophia", Ann said.
staying
Ann insisted …… the night at Sophia's house

5. "Congratulations on getting engaged, Sue", said Harry.
congratulated
Harry …… engagement.