

Free English Grammar * Grammatica Inglese Gratis

reported speech

discorso indiretto

Per riferire le parole di qualcuno, possiamo farlo in 2 modi.

1. Possiamo usare il "*direct speech*" (discorso diretto) mettendo le parole fra virgolette.

> Richard said, "I am very hungry."

2. Oppure possiamo usare il "*reported speech*" (discorso indiretto), che di solito è introdotto da "*to say*" e "*to tell*".

to say Si usa quando *non si esprime* la persona a cui si parla.

> Richard **said** (that) he was very hungry.

Betty **said** (that) she was going to Boston.

Rob **said** (that) he had found a new job.

to tell Si usa quando *si esprime* la persona a cui si parla.

> Richard **told Jenny** (that) he was very hungry.

Betty **told me** (that) she was going to Boston.

Rob **told his girlfriend** (that) he had found a new job.

Nota Abbiamo messo "*that*" fra parentesi perchè spesso viene omissso.

> Rob told his girlfriend **that** he had found a new job.

oppure

> Rob told his girlfriend he had found a new job.

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Quando si passa dal "*direct speech*" al "*reported speech*" avviene un cambiamento dei tempi verbali.

Present simple

discorso diretto

> Bob said, "For breakfast I usually **have** a bowl of cereal."

Past simple

discorso indiretto

> Bob said that for breakfast he usually **had** a bowl of cereal.

Present continuous

discorso diretto

> Bill told me, "I **am reading** an interesting book."

Past continuous

discorso indiretto

> Bill told me that he **was reading** an interesting book.

Past simple

discorso diretto

> Karen said , "I **went** to the Grand Canyon last week."

Past perfect

discorso indiretto

> Karen said that she **had gone** to the Grand Canyon the week before.

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Present perfect

discorso diretto

> David told me, "I **have quit** smoking."

Past perfect

discorso indiretto

> David told me that he **had quit** smoking.

Past perfect

discorso diretto (non cambia)

> Laura told me, "I **had just fallen asleep** when you phoned."

Past perfect

discorso indiretto

> Laura told me that she **had just fallen asleep** when I phoned.

Present perfect continuous

discorso diretto

> Mark said, "Lately I **have been working** 14 hours a day."

Past perfect continuous

discorso indiretto

> Mark said lately he **had been working** 14 hours a day.

Future

discorso diretto

> Frank said, "I **will finish** my project by Saturday."

Present conditional

discorso indiretto

> Frank said he **would finish** his project by Saturday.

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discorso indiretto

Quando si passa dal "*discorso diretto*" al "*discorso indiretto*" oltre i tempi verbali avvengono altri cambi.

discorso diretto	discorso indiretto
now	then, at that time
today	that day
tomorrow	the following day, the next day, a day later
yesterday	the previous day, the day before
next month	the following month, the next month, a month later
next year	the following year, the next year, a year later
last month	the month before, the previous month, the preceding month
last year	the year before, the previous year, the preceding year
three weeks ago	three days before, three days earlier
here	there
this	that
these	those
my - mine	his / her - his / hers
our - ours	their - theirs