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FREE GRAMMAR PRACTICE · FORMS 1–3

Reported Speech

Tell someone what another person said: move the tense one step back

Direct speech	→	Reported speech
am / is / are	→	was / were
play / plays	→	played
played / have played	→	had played
will · can	→	would · could
today · tomorrow · here	→	that day · the next day · there

We often move the tense back when reporting later. "I **am** tired," said Ben. → Ben said (that) he **was** tired.

PART A Statements

Imagine you report the words on a later day. Move the tense back.

1. "I live in Tai Po," said Lucy.

   Lucy said that _____

2. "We will visit you tomorrow," Paul told me.

   Paul told me that …

   _____

3. "I have lost my keys," said Mum.

   Mum said that _____

PART B Questions and orders

Imagine you are reporting the conversation later. Rewrite in reported speech. Use the verb in brackets where one is given.

1. "Where do you live?" the teacher asked Tom.

   The teacher asked Tom _____

2. "Are you hungry?" Dad asked us.

   Dad asked us _____

3. "Close the door," Mr Smith said to Ben. (tell)

   Mr Smith told Ben _____

Answers **A** 1 Lucy said that she lived in Tai Po. · 2 Paul told me that they would visit me the next day. · 3 Mum said that she had lost / she'd lost her keys. **B** 1 The teacher asked Tom where he lived. · 2 Dad asked us if / whether we were hungry. · 3 Mr Smith told Ben to close the door.

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