REPORTED SPEECH

It is the exact meaning of what someone said but not the exact words.

* When we use Reported Speech, the main verb of the sentence is usually past.

* Inverted commas are omitted in Reported Speech.

* " That " is optional when you report an affirmative or negative sentence.

* When the reporting verb (said, told, asked, etc) is in the Past, all the following verbs usually change into a past form, too.

* However, the tenses do not change in Reported Speech when:
  - the reporting verb is in the Present, Future or Present Perfect tense.
  - the speaker expresses general truths, permanent states and conditions.
  - the speaker is reporting something immediately after it was said (up to date)

* The Past Simple can usually stay the same in Reported Speech, or you can change it to the Past Perfect.

* When the reported sentence contains a time clause, the tenses do not change.

* The Past Perfect and the Past Continuous usually remain the same in Reported Speech.

* If the reported sentence deals with unreal past, conditionals type 2 or 3 or wishes, the tenses remain the same.

* Personal Pronouns and Possessive Adjectives change according to the context.

* Time words can change or remain the same depending on the time reference.

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Tom met his cousin, Jessica, when he was in Mar del Plata. Read Jessica's words. Then report what she said.

* Mar del Plata is a fantastic city.
* The weather is hot.
* I go swimming every day.
* The hotel is nice.
* I've made a lot of friends.
* The food is delicious.
* I'm coming back again next Summer.

* "We have moved into our new flat", said my friend.

* "Japan is a densely populated city", the teacher said.

* "You have got my coat", I said crossly.

* "I know exactly what she did", the private detective explained to his client.

* He said : "My wife wants to take a job".

* "If you saw my brother, you'd recognize him at once", Mary said.

* "I don't know what your father will say when he sees your school report", she said.

* "I'll help you with those exercises", Tony said.
* "Why are you looking so sad?", I asked him.

* "Do you like tennis?", my neighbour asked me.

* "Who left these shoes here?", their mother said.

* "What is the weather like in Paris?", she asked.

* "Did you enjoy it?", Sam asked his girlfriend.

Here are some of the things your teacher said to you:

"Pay attention!"

"Open your book!"

"Don't forget your copybook next class!"

"Don't say it in Spanish!"

"Write 10 negative sentences"

Tell your friend what your teacher said. Use reported speech.

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