

## English

### Narration Rules:

S. No.	Sentence Type	Rule for Reporting Verb	Changes in Tense	Other Changes	Example (Direct Speech)	Example (Indirect Speech)
1	Assertive (Statements)	'Said' changes to 'told' (if object present) or remains 'said'.	If Reporting Verb is in Past → Tense shifts back: • Present Simple → Past Simple • Present Continuous → Past Continuous • Present Perfect → Past Perfect • Past Simple → Past Perfect • Future → 'would' + base verb	Pronouns & Time Words change accordingly. Example: • I → he/she • My → his/her • Today → that day • Tomorrow → next day	He said, "I am reading a book."	He said that he was reading a book.
2	Interrogative (Questions)	Reporting verb changes to 'asked'/'inquired'/'wanted to know'.	Same tense change rules as above.	Use 'if'/'whether' for Yes/No questions; Use same question word (who, what, why, etc.) for Wh-questions; No question mark in Indirect Speech.	She said, "Are you coming?"	She asked if I was coming.
3	Imperative (Orders, Requests, etc.)	Reporting verb changes to: • 'ordered' (for commands) • 'requested' (for requests) • 'advised' (for advice) • 'urged', 'begged', etc.	Tense change not needed; Instead, use 'to' + base verb or 'not to' for negative commands.	Remove imperative form; Use 'to' + verb or 'not to' + verb.	He said, "Please help me."	He requested me to help him.
4	Exclamatory (Exclamations)	Reporting verb changes to: • 'exclaimed with joy/sorrow/surprise', etc.	Tense changes per normal rule, but often not required as most exclamations use Present Simple.	Interjections like 'oh!', 'alas!', 'hurrah!' are omitted or replaced with phrases like "exclaimed with joy", "exclaimed with sorrow".	He said, "Hurrah! We have won the match."	He exclaimed with joy that they had won the match.
5	Optative (Wishes, Prayers, Curses)	Reporting verb changes to: • 'wished', 'prayed', 'cursed', 'blessed'	Tense change per general rule, but prayers usually stay in Present Tense.	'May' changes to 'might' or remains as 'might' in prayers. Words like 'God' often retained.	He said, "May God bless you."	He prayed that God might bless me.

### Time & Place Word Changes in Narration:

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
<b>Now</b>	Then
<b>Today</b>	That day
<b>Tomorrow</b>	The next day / following day
<b>Yesterday</b>	The previous day / day before

Here	There
This	That
These	Those
Ago	Before
Tonight	That night
Last night	The previous night

### Pronoun Changes in Narration:

Pronoun in Direct Speech	Change Based On Context (Speaker, Listener, Third Party)
I	Changes according to subject of Reporting Verb
We	Changes based on who is included
You	Changes according to object of Reporting Verb
He/She	Generally remains same (third person)
My/Our/Your	Changes to his/her/their as per speaker and listener

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