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Reported Speech

We use reported speech when we want to tell someone what someone said. We usually use a reporting verbs: say, tell, ask, etc.. We often use a tense which is 'further back' in the past, for example:

Simple past changes to Past perfect.

Direct speech: simple past

"I visited some indigenous communities in the Highlands and the Amazon."

told + someone + (that) + clause

Reported speech: past perfect

My friend Henry told me that he had visited some indigenous communities in the Highlands and the Amazon.

Direct speech: simple past

"We visited Otavalo city and we bought colorful handicrafts."

said + (that) + clause

Reported speech: past perfect

My parents said that they had known Otavalo city and they had bought colorful handicrafts



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Reported speech for presenting feedback and personal points of view from a video analysis.

Reported speech tells what someone says in another person's words. The verb shifts to express a past time.

Present perfect changes to Past perfect

Direct speech:

The documentary said, "some studies have found that the excessive amount of time on social media can cause feelings of sadness and frustration.

Reported speech:

said + (that) + clause

It said that some studies had found that the excessive amount of time on social media could cause feelings of sadness and frustration.

Simple present changes to Simple past

Direct speech:

The documentary said, "social media platforms are designed to keep people trapped."

Reported speech:

said + (that) + clause

It said that social media platforms were designed to keep people trapped.



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Reported speech

Reported speech for presenting comments and personal opinions.

Reported speech tells what someone says in another person's words. The verb shifts to express a past time. There are two types of reported speech: direct speech and indirect speech.

Direct speech repeats the exact words the person used:

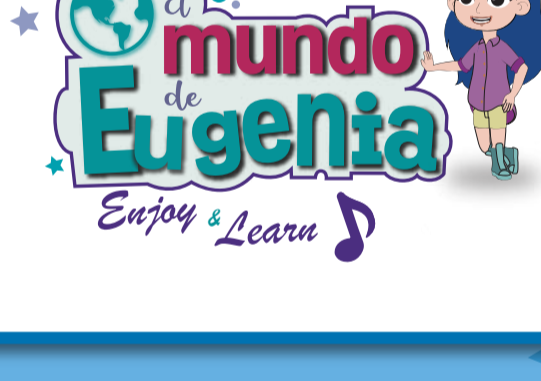
Liliana said, "I feel empowered with Malala's life."

In indirect speech, the original speaker's words are changed.

Simple present changes to Simple past.

said + (that) + clause

Liliana said that she felt empowered with Malala's life.



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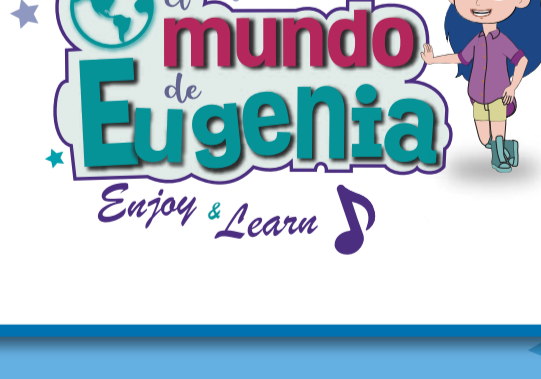
Future tenses to express future plans.

Use "be+ going to" to talk about plans or intentions:

Subject + form of "to be" (am/is/are) + going to + base of a verb

Examples:

- He is going to work in a volunteer program with local people.
- He is going to feed animals.
- He is going to help to take care of rescued animals at a wildlife center in the Amazon Jungle.



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Applying different verb tenses in literary texts.

Present perfect tense

It expresses an action that occurred in the past, but has a result in the present (now).

Subject + have/has + past participle

Example:

I have read that there is not a book, but a stage play.

I wonder...

"I wonder" is used to ask politely for something. Use "I wonder" followed by a question word.

I wonder + WH question word

Example:

- I wonder how a Harry Potter stage play is different from a Harry Potter book.
- I wonder which steps the author of the new Harry Potter story took to write in the form of a play.

