

Don't forget to change the words!

here → there
now → then
this → that
today → that day
yesterday → the day before
last year → the previous year
two days ago → two days before
tomorrow → the following day
next week → the following week

Reported Speech

Remember the changing of tenses:

Direct Speech

Pr.Cont. am reading
is reading
are reading

Pr.Sim. play/plays

Past Sim. played

Past Cont. was/were playing

Pr.Perf. have/has played

Past Perf. had played

Future Sim. shall play
will play

would like to play
must play
must have played
should play

Indirect Speech

Past Cont. was reading
was reading
were reading

Past Sim. played

Past Perf. had played

Past Perf.Cont. had been playing

Past Perf. had played

Past Perf. had played

Conditional would play
would play

would like to play
had to play
must have played
should play

Let's Practise!

1. She said, "I like volley-ball". _____
2. Tom said, "This river is the longest". _____
3. Pam said, "I will come to you". _____
4. He said, "I was watching TV". _____
5. They said, "We'll play today". _____
6. Liz said, "Nora is writing a test". _____
7. They said, "We went to the zoo yesterday". _____
8. I said, "Nick has brought a turtle". _____
9. Kate said, "Ben will arrive tomorrow". _____
10. Alex said, "It is hot in Italy now". _____
11. Mona said, "We have three lessons today". _____
12. Nick said, "Alex draws beautiful animals". _____
13. Sandra said, "They must study better". _____

KEY:

1. She said, "I like volley-ball". **She said that she liked volley-ball.**
2. Tom said, "This river is the longest".
Tom said that river was the longest.
3. Pam said, "I will come to you". **Pam said that she would come to me.**
4. He said, "I was watching TV". **He said that he had been watching TV.**
5. They said, "We'll play today". **They said that they would play that day.**
6. Liz said, "Nora is writing a test". **Liz said that Nora was writing a test.**
7. They said, "We went to the zoo yesterday". **They said that they had gone to the zoo the day before.**
8. I said, "Nick has brought a turtle". **I said that Nick had brought a turtle.**
9. Kate said, "Ben will arrive tomorrow". **Kate said that Ben would arrive the following day.**
10. Alex said, "It is hot in Italy now". **Alex said that it was hot in Italy then.**
11. Mona said, "We have three lessons today". **Mona said that they had three lessons that day.**
12. Nick said, "Alex draws beautiful animals". **Nick said that Alex drew beautiful animals.**
13. Sandra said, "They must study better". **Sandra said that they had to study better.**

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