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THE VERBS "TO SAY" AND "TO TELL"

With "say" we don't usually say who is told.
With "tell" we usually say who is told.

She **said** (that) she would do it.

She **told me** (that) she would do it.

She **said to me** (that) she would do it.

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REPORTED SPEECH

It is the way we use to report what someone previously said.

Direct speech ⇒ Susan: I'm cold.

Reported speech ⇒ Susan said she was cold.

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Verb tenses:

Direct speech ⇒ **Reported speech**

present simple ⇒ past simple

present continuous ⇒ past continuous

past simple ⇒ past perfect

past continuous ⇒ past perfect cont.

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Verb tenses:

Direct speech ⇒ **Reported speech**

present perfect ⇒ past perfect

present perfect cont. ⇒ past perfect cont.

past perfect ⇒ past perfect

future (will + inf.) ⇒ conditional (would + inf)

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Examples:

Kevin: It's raining today.

Kevin said it was raining that day.

Maggie: I made a cake.

Maggie said she had made a cake.

Peter and Tom: We have done our homework.

Peter and Tom said they had done their homework.

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Other changes:

today → that day

tonight → that night

yesterday → the day before

tomorrow → the following/next day

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Other changes:

last week → the week before

next week → the following week

...ago → ...before

now → then

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Example:

Mary: I bought a ring in this shop yesterday.

Mary told me (that) she had bought a ring in that shop the day before.

Elegir la respuesta correcta. Para ello hemos de transformar las oraciones sugeridas a estilo indirecto.

1 Peter: I will do it.

- a. Peter told me he would do it.
- b. Peter said me he would do it.
- c. Peter told he would do it.

2 Susan: They have always drunk coffee.

- a. Susan said that they have always drunk coffee.
- b. Susan told that they had always drunk coffee.
- c. Susan said that they had always drunk coffee.

3 Leo: I don't have to download these files.

- a. Leo said me he didn't have to download those files.
- b. Leo told me he didn't have to download those files.
- c. Leo said I didn't have to download those files.

4 Paula: My sister will have to attend a meeting tomorrow.

- a. Paula said her sister would have to attend a meeting the day before.
- b. Paula said her sister would have to attend a meeting the next day.
- c. Paula said her sister would has to attend a meeting the next day.

5 Anne: Pam was opening a new bank account.

- a. Anne said that Pam was opening a new bank account.
- b. Anne said that Pam have been opening a new bank account.
- c. Anne said Pam had been opening a new bank account.



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6 Your neighbor: We are not going to class tomorrow.

- My neighbor told me they were not going to class the following day.
- My neighbor told they were not going to class the following day.
- My neighbor said me they were not going to class the next day.

7 John: I'm not sweating because I haven't been playing basketball.

- John told me he wasn't sweating because he hasn't been playing basketball.
- John said he wasn't sweating because he hadn't been playing basketball.
- John said he wasn't sweating because he wasn't been playing basketball.

8 Linda: I had been there the week before.

- Linda said she had been there the week before.
- Linda said she has been there the week before.
- Linda said she had been there a week ago.



9 Orson: Pat and Gustav aren't studying German now.

- Orson said me Pat and Gustav weren't studying German then.
- Orson told me Pat and Gustav weren't studying German then.
- Orson told me Pat and Gustav hadn't been studying German before.

10 Tom: I saw your mother four days ago.

- Tom told me that he had seen my mother four days before.
- Tom told me that he had seen his mother four days before.
- Tom told me that he had seen my mother four days ago.

Soluciones: 1.- a) Peter told me he would do it. 2.- c) Susan said that they had always drunk coffee. 3.- b) Leo told me he didn't have to download those files. 4.- b) Paula said her sister would have to attend a meeting the next day. 5.- c) Anne said Pam had been opening a new bank account. 6.- a) My neighbor told me they were not going to class the following day. 7.- b) John said he wasn't sweating because he hadn't been playing basketball. 8.- a) Linda said she had been there the week before. 9.- b) Orson told me Pat and Gustav weren't studying German then. 10.- a) Tom told me that he had seen my mother four days before.