

Reported Speech Exercise

DIRECT	REPORTED	DIRECT	REPORTED
is seeing ⇨	was seeing	here ⇨	there
sees ⇨	saw	this ⇨	that
saw ⇨	saw/had seen	these ⇨	those
has seen ⇨	had seen	now ⇨	then
will see ⇨	would see	today ⇨	that day
is going to see ⇨	was going to see	yesterday ⇨	the previous day
can see ⇨	could see	tomorrow ⇨	the next day

She said, " We" ⇨ She said that they ...

They said to him, "... ." ⇨ They told him that ...

A Convert the phrases below into reported speech.

- 1 "It's raining," she said.
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- 2 He said to her, "I love you."
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- 3 "I saw María in the supermarket yesterday," said Carlos.
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- 4 "We've lived here for three years," he said.
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- 5 "I'll bring a pasta salad," said Francesca.
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- 6 "Mark's going to install solar panels," said Miranda.
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- 7 "They found gold here," said the geology teacher.
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- 8 "Jenny can't speak French," said Pierre.
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- 9 "I first met my wife in Seville," he told them.
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- 10 "I want your homework handed in by tomorrow," he said to the class.
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- 11 "My mother made these cakes," said Juan.
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- 12 "I'm feeling tired now," said David.
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B Now write some examples of your own.

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- 2
- 3



Answers

- 1 She said (that) it was raining.
- 2 He told her (that) he loved her.
- 3 Carlos said (that) he saw/had seen María in the supermarket the previous day.
- 4 He said (that) they had lived there for three years.
- 5 Francesca said (that) she would bring a pasta salad.
- 6 Miranda said (that) Mark was going to install solar panels.
- 7 The geology teacher said (that) they had found gold there.
- 8 Pierre said (that) Jenny couldn't speak French.
- 9 He told them (that) he first met/ had first met his wife in Seville.
- 10 He told the class (that) he wanted their homework handed in by the next day.
- 11 Juan said (that) his mother made/had made those cakes.
- 12 David said (that) he was feeling tired then.

