

DIRECT AND REPORTED SPEECH

Direct Speech

“I **have** three hours of English.”

Alfonso told us, “You **cannot use** the computer.”

“I **like** pop music,” said Diego.

My teammate asked me, “Please **bring** the baking soda for tomorrow’s experiment.”

Reported Speech

You said (that) you **had** three hours of English.

Alfonso told us (that) we **could not use** the computer.

He said (that) he **liked** pop music.

My teammate asked me **to bring** the baking soda for tomorrow’s experiment.

Use the simple past in reported speech when the direct speech is in simple present. Change the verb tense from simple present to simple past when changing from direct to reported speech, except for imperatives or requests.