

Gossip Like a Pro: Mastering Reported Speech

Learn how to share news, stories, and social updates with confidence and grammatical accuracy.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Understanding the Art of Gossip

Gossip is a natural part of human communication. In this lesson, we will learn how to turn **direct speech** into **reported speech** so you can share what you heard without losing the meaning. Look at the image and think about how you would tell a friend what these people are discussing.



Tense Transformation Chart

Complete the table by changing the direct speech tense into the correct reported speech tense.

Direct Speech	Reported Speech	Example
Present Simple	_____	_____
Present Continuous	_____	_____
Past Simple	_____	_____
Will (Future)	_____	_____

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Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb or the appropriate reporting word.

was moving

his

heard

When we gossip, we often use verbs like 'said' or 'told'. If someone says, "I am moving to Paris," you report it by saying, "She said she _____ to Paris." Remember that pronouns often change too. If your friend says, "My boss is angry," you report, "He said _____ boss was angry." Gossip can be fun, but always be careful not to spread rumors that might hurt someone. If you aren't sure, it is better to say, "I _____ that she might be moving." Always check your facts before you share!

 **Quick Grammar Check**

Convert these direct quotes into reported speech.

"I am tired."

"I bought a new car."

"We will be late."

"I can swim."

✓ Gossip Etiquette: True or False?

Decide if these statements about healthy communication are true or false.

1 It is okay to share private secrets about others without their permission.

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2 Reported speech is useful for telling stories about what others have said.

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3 You should always change the verb tense when using reported speech.

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4 Gossip is always harmful and should never be used in conversation.

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