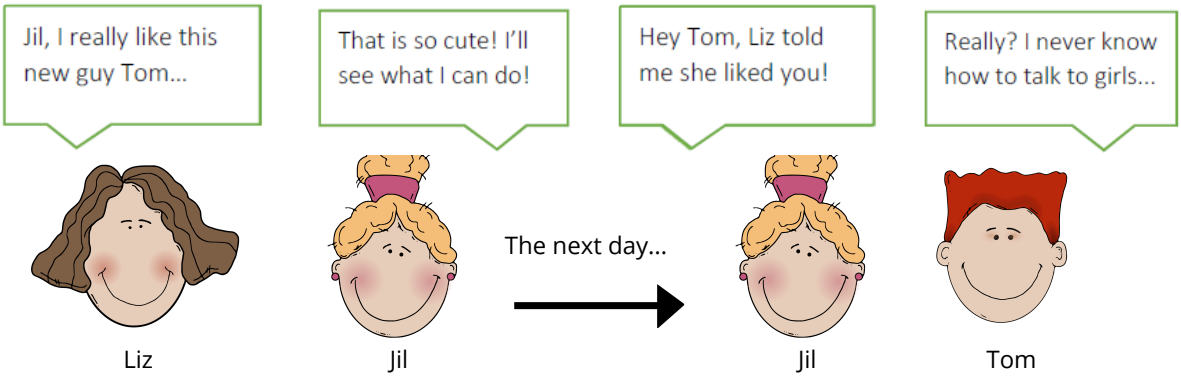

Reported Speech
You use reported speech when you repeat what someone said without quoting their words.

Reported Speech in the Simple Past Tense:
If we want to repeat something someone said **earlier**, we need to use a *reporting verb* (e.g. „say"/„tell" or „ask") in the simple past. The verb in the sentence we want to repeat also needs to be changed to the simple past. To report a question, we add the word „if" which is followed by the question in the simple past.

Example Statement:
Rep. verb + **person** + **simple past form**

Direct speech: **I** **like** her.
Reported speech: You *said* **you** **liked** her.

Example Question:
Rep. verb + **if** + **person** + **simple past form**

Direct speech: Do **you** **like** him?
Reported speech: You *asked* **if** **I** **liked** him.

① **The Talk.** Look at the sentences below. You have to help out Tom. Repeat his words *to Liz* using reported speech.

Tom: Hi there! I need your help. I just don't know how to talk to Liz. Please tell her what I said!

Attention!
Keep in mind that you have to change the **pronouns** (hers, his, etc./me, her, him, etc.)!

"I like Liz very much!" *Tom said he liked you very much.*

"Does she still like me?" _____

"She is extremely smart." _____

"We study together." _____

"I live two streets away from her." _____

"She seems to be really cool!" _____

"Does she like to go on dates?" _____

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Reported Speech of a Request:
If we do not want to report a statement or a question but a request, the reported speech is formed differently. Instead of using the simple past form of the verb in the original sentence, we use the infinitive.

Example Request (+):
Rep. verb + to + infinitive

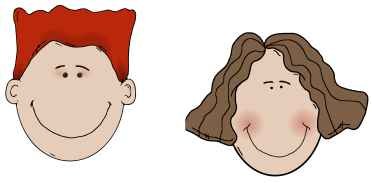
Direct speech: Talk to her!
Indirect speech: She *told* me **to talk** to her.

Example Request (-):
Rep. verb + not to + infinitive

Direct speech: Don't worry!
Reported speech: He *told* me **not to worry**.

② **The Date.** Tom and Liz finally have a date and they have a lot to tell each other. Find the requests in the speech bubbles.

- Write down the reqests in reported speech in the lines.



Did you know I like you? Don't lie!

Don't worry about the money! I want to pay for you.

Let me help you. Here, take my hand!

Don't forget to text me when you get home!

③ **Revision.** Jil wants to know everything about the date. Liz tells her about the conversation with Tom using reported speech. Which of the sentences was the original one?

He asked if I was nervous.

- ◯ „Am I nervous?“
- ◯ „Were you nervous?“
- ◯ „Are you nervous?“

I asked him if he lived in a flat.

- ◯ „Did you live in a flat?“
- ◯ „Do you live in a flat?“
- ◯ „Have you lived in a flat?“

He said he enjoyed my company!

- ◯ „He enjoys my company!“
- ◯ „I enjoyed your company!“
- ◯ „I enjoy your company!“

He mentioned he had a sister.

- ◯ „He has a sister.“
- ◯ „I have a sister.“
- ◯ „I mentioned he has a sister.“

He told me to believe in myself...

- ◯ „Believe in yourself!“
- ◯ „Tell me to believe in myself!“
- ◯ „Believe me in myself!“

I said I wanted to see him again.

- ◯ „I want to see him again!“
- ◯ „I want to see you again!“
- ◯ „I wanted to see you again!“

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