



The Reported Speech

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Rule 1: The verb of saying is in the present tense.

No change the tense.

Lilly calls Enrico on the telephone. He is in Italy. She is in Ireland.

Enrico: Hi, Lilly, how are you? Lilly: I'm fine. What about you?

Enrico: Great, we have beautiful weather, sunshine from morning to night.

L: How nice, it has been raining in Ireland for ten days now.

I feel like a fish in a pond.

It's cool and windy.

Everything is wet and soggy (feucht).

E: That's awful.

L: It's typical Irish weather.

E: Wait a minute. I have an idea. Why don't you come to Italy?

L: Well, I don't know......

It's very nice of you, but I can't leave now.

I still have to work one more week.

I'll think about it. Bye, Enrico.

E: Bye Lilly, I hope you can come.





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Reference box for the change of tenses:

it has been > it had been / feel > felt / it is cool > it was cool / everything is > everything was / it is (it's) > it was / don't know > didn't know / can't > couldn't / have > had / will think > would think

TIME FOR PRACTICE - REPORTED SPEECH

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You get one point for each correct answer.

Maximum = 16

Your points:







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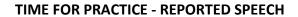
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Sarah asks:	Lilly answers:	Enrico listens and she tells him what Lilly says:		
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Where will you spend the holidays?	I will go to Ireland.	Lilly says she will go to Ireland.		
Will you stay with your grandparents?	Yes, I will stay with them.	She says that she will stay with them.		
Have they got a house in Ireland?	Yes, they have a big house.	She says that they		
Can you go swimming there?	I can go swimming when the weather is fine.	She says that she		
Do you have friends there?	I have a very good friend there.	She says that		
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You get one point for each correct answer. Maximum = 5 Your points:

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I don't know if Enrico will come and visit me.	She said that she didn't know if Enrico would come and visit her.		

You get one point for each correct answer.

Maximum = 10

Your points: