

**Exercise 1: Change the tenses**

1. He said: "I try"

- He said that .....

2. He said: "I'm trying"

- He said that .....

3. He said: "I tried"

- He said that .....

4. He said: "I was trying"

- He said that .....

5. He said: "I have tried"

- He said that .....

6. He said: "I have been trying"

- He said that .....

7. He said: "I had tried"

- He said that .....

8. He said: "I have been trying"

- He said that .....

9. He said: "I will try"

- He said that .....

10. He said: "I will be trying"

- He said that .....

11. He said: "I will have tried"

- He said that .....

12. He said: "I will have been trying"

- He said that .....

**Exercise 2: Change the tenses.**

1. He said: "I work"

- He said that .....

2. He said: "I'm working"

- He said that .....

3. He said: "I worked"

- He said that .....

4. He said: "I was working"

- He said that .....

5. He said: "I have worked"

- He said that .....

6. He said: "I have been working"

- He said that .....

7. He said: "I had worked"

- He said that .....

8. He said: "I have been working"

- He said that .....

9. He said: "I will work"

- He said that .....

10. He said: "I will be working"

- He said that .....

11. He said: "I will have worked"

- He said that .....

12. He said: "I will have been working"

- He said that .....

**Exercise 3: Change the sentences into reported speech.**

(Present Simple, Present Continuous, Past Simple, Future Simple  
Present Perfect Simple, Past Perfect Simple,)

1. He said : “ Mum is late”

He said (that).....

2. She said: “ Richard called”

She said (that).....

3. Tina said: “Ann is talking on the phone”

Tina said (that).....

4. My son said: “I have finished”.

My son said (that).....

5. Bob said: “ Dad had left by 9”.

Bob said (that).....

6. My sister said: “I will be back soon”.

My sister said (that).....

7. He said: “ Philip is studying”

He said (that).....

8. She said: “ I want to speak to the manager”.

She said (that).....

9. Dad said: “ I bought tickets for the theatre”

Dad said (that).....

10. My friends said: “We’re waiting for the bus”

My friends said (that).....

11. He said: “ She’ll be sorry”.

He said (that).....

**Exercise 4: Change the sentences into reported speech.**

(All possible tenses & Introductory Verbs: said / told)

1. She said “ I’ve been working for the bank for ten years”  
She said .....
2. Lin said: “ John has broken the vase”  
Lin said .....
3. Steve said to me: “ I’ll be waiting for you”  
Steve told .....
4. He said to her : “Jim had arrived before Susan”.  
He told .....
5. She said: “I will have spent all the money by the end of the week.”  
She said .....
6. He said to me: “ At three o’clock I was sleeping”  
He told .....
7. She said: “Tina got married”  
She said .....
8. He said: “I haven’t heard from Michael”  
He said .....
9. Mary said to me: “I don’t know anything”  
Mary told .....
10. Dad said: “They had been waiting for you”  
Dad said that .....
11. Mum said to Tonia: “I’ll have come back before dark”  
Mum told .....
12. The boss said: “You aren’t working hard enough”  
The boss said .....
13. Jim said to Stella: “I’ve been dreaming of becoming a scientist”  
Jim told.....
14. He said: “She will have been teaching for twenty years by the end of the year”  
He said .....
15. She said to her mother: “I was studying from 4:00 to 9:00”  
She told .....

**Exercise 5: Change the sentences into reported speech.**

(All possible tenses – Introductory Verbs: said /told & Other Changes)

1. He said to me: “Ron came to Greece two years ago.”  
He told .....

2. Mary said: “ I’m reading a new book this week”  
Mary said.....

3. Bob said to Olivia: “I won’t come with you tomorrow”  
Bob told.....

4. The student told the teacher: “I wrote this essay two days ago.”  
The student said .....

5. He said: “We were discussing this problem for two hours yesterday”  
He said .....

6. Jenny said: “We will be flying to Rome at this time tomorrow morning”  
Jenny said .....

7. Paul said: “ I don’t understand why you didn’t help us last week”  
Paul said .....

8. My husband said to me: “I’ll be working long hours next week”  
My husband told .....

9. She said: “He has been sleeping all day today”  
She said .....

10. They said to us: “We had been standing here for hours before your arrival”  
They told .....

11. Mum said: “Chris was playing computer games while Helen was reading comics all day yesterday”  
Mum said .....

12. He said: “I haven’t finished all these exercises by myself”  
He said .....

13. She said to me: “My sister is coming from Canada the day after tomorrow.”  
She told .....

14. Mary said: “This is my new house”  
Mary said .....

15. Alex told me: “We will have finished our projects by this time next month”  
Alex told .....

**Exercise 6:** Change the sentences into reported speech. (Modal Verbs)

1. She said to me: “You **can** come with us tomorrow”

She told .....

2. She said: “I **could** never do such a thing”

She said .....

3. The man said: “It **may** rain tomorrow”

The man said .....

4. They said to us: “We **can't** help you any more”

They told .....

5. She said: “Kate **could** read when she was five”

She said .....

6. He said to me: “You **ought to** visit a doctor”

He told .....

7. Mum said: “I **may** be late tonight”

Mum said .....

8. She said to him: “I **can't** accept your present”

She told .....

9. She said: “We **must** help him”

She said.....

10. He said to me: “You **must** stay here”

He told .....