

Reported Speech with Vogue Interviews

1. Read a part of an interview with a fictitious book writer, Joe Harrplayer.
Next, fill in the table below the text.

David: *Tell us what made you begin your writing career.*

Joe: I was in my last year at the university when I realized I didn't really know what I wanted to do with my life. At that time, my best friend told me that he liked reading my blog and I should try writing something longer. So I did, and that's how my first book came into existence.

D: *We should thank your best friend, then. Personally, I believe that you are a master at storytelling! Where do you get inspiration from?*

J: That's funny! My wife asked me where I got all the ideas from the day before. To be honest, I don't know how it works. It just happens - sometimes out of nowhere.

D: *What's your next move and when can we expect your next book?*

J: Well, I'm planning to start a new book tomorrow! Just kidding. I say that all the time, but my busy schedule makes it impossible. I can tell you that I came up with a great story last summer. So I know what I want to write and I promise that I will start writing this year.

D: *Thanks for talking and good luck with your new project.*

J: Thanks for having me. You don't realize it but you've just made my father's dream come true. He said once that he'd always dreamt of seeing me in this show!

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
I _____ in my last year at the university when I realized.....	Joe said that he had been in his last year at the university when he realized....
I really like reading your blog!	My best friend told me that he _____ reading my blog.
I believe that you _____ a master at storytelling!	David said that Joe is a master at storytelling!
"Where do you get all the ideas from?" – asked John's wife yesterday.	My wife asked me where I _____ all the ideas from the day before.
I _____ to start a new book tomorrow!	Joe said that he was planning to start a new book the next day.
I _____ start writing this year.	Joe said that he would start writing this year.
"I've always dreamt of seeing you in that show" said Joe's father	Joe's father said that he _____ of seeing me in your show!

2. Study the text and table from ex. 1 and choose the correct option to form grammar rules for using reported speech.

- When we use reported speech, we usually move one tense **forward/back**.
- If something that a person says is still true we keep **the same tense/change the tense to a future form**.
- When we report questions, we should have the **same/different** word order than in questions.
- In reported speech, we can use *say* or *tell*, however, *tell* goes **with/without** object noun or pronouns (John, me, us, them, etc.).
- When using reported speech, we also have to change **time markers and pronouns/names and places**.

3. Rewrite the sentences using reported speech.

- a) We met in 2015 here in New York.
- b) I'm going to visit my parents this Sunday.
- c) I will become a millionaire.
- d) What are you doing tomorrow?
- e) I must send these letters to our clients.

VIDEO & SPEAKING

4. Watch the video of some famous person and write down 7 answers.

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5. Using the answers you wrote down and reported speech, tell what this famous person said.

She said that.....

ROLE PLAY

6. If you could interview one famous person (an actress, a singer, a politician etc.), who would that be and what 5 questions would you ask them? Write down these questions below.

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7. Work in pairs. Tell each other the person you chose to interview. You have 2 minutes to prepare your role. Ask them the questions you've prepared and write down their answers.

8. Report the answers you got from the celebrity to your group.

e.g. Michelle Obama said that she.....

