



DIRECT & REPORTED SPEECH

Reported Speech – Tell It, Flip It, Report It

◆ Activity 1: TV Reporter – What Happened?

Read the short news story below. Then, rewrite what each person said using reported speech.

TV News Story “Good evening,” said the reporter. “Today at 3 p.m., a dog saved a child from a river.” The child’s mother said, “I was so scared, but the dog jumped in!” A witness said, “The dog barked and ran straight into the water.” The police officer said, “The dog is a hero.”

Your Task: Write what the reporter, mother, witness, and officer said using reported speech.

◆ Activity 2: Flip the Script – Make It Direct!

Practice turning reported speech back into direct quotes.

Read the sentences below. Rewrite each one as direct speech.

Sentences to Flip:

1. She said she liked spicy food. _____
2. They said they were going to the beach. _____
3. He said he had finished his homework. _____
4. Maria said she would call later. _____
5. The teacher said the test was easy. _____

◆ Activity 3: Guess Who Said It? – Reporting Challenge

Create your own direct quotes and your classmates convert them to reported speech.

Write 3 things you said, heard, or imagined someone saying. Then, give your sentences to a partner. Your partner must rewrite them using reported speech.

Example: You write: “I love dancing.” “We’re going to the party.” “I’ll bring snacks.”

Your partner writes: He said he loved dancing. They said they were going to the party. She said she would bring snacks.

Teacher's Key

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Your Task: Write what the reporter, mother, witness, and officer said using reported speech.

The reporter said that a dog had saved a child from a river at 3 p.m.

The mother said that she had been scared, but the dog had jumped in.

A witness said that the dog had barked and had run straight into the water.

The officer said that the dog was a hero.

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| 1. She said she liked spicy food. | She said, “I like spicy food.” |
| 2. They said they were going to the beach. | They said, “We’re going to the beach.” |
| 3. He said he had finished his homework. | He said, “I finished my homework.” |
| 4. Maria said she would call later. | Maria said, “I’ll call later.” |
| 5. The teacher said the test was easy. | The teacher said, “The test is easy.” |

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Tip: Use this as a speaking or writing task. Students can present their partner’s sentences aloud or write them down. Encourage creativity and humor!