Reported Speech

What is it? How do we use it?

Yesterday I saw Sara. She told me that she got 10/10 in her English exam.



Today..

Yesterday..

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We often use reported speech to:

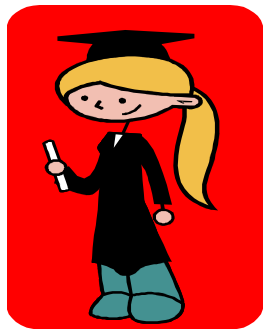
1. Give someone a telephone message.

For example: *Maha said that she couldn't come today because she was sick.*



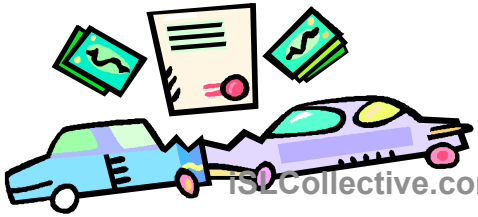
2. Tell someone news that we heard from someone else.

For example: *Nora told me that Amal graduated.*



3. To repeort something that happened earlier.

For example: *Ahmad said that the other driver ran the red light and hit his car.*



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How Do we use Reported Speech?

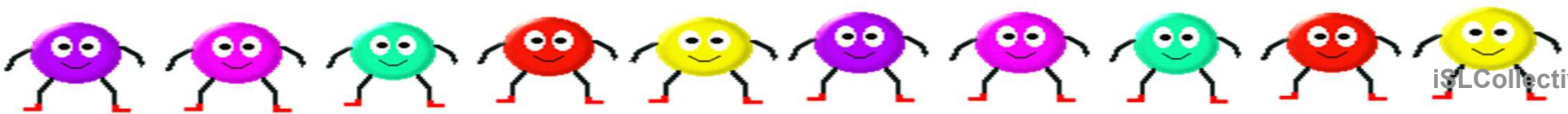
- When we use Reported Speech, we are usually talking about something that happened in The Past.

- *Therefore, Verbs usually change to the past.

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For example:

am / is	become →	was
are	becomes →	were
Have / has	become →	had
can	becomes →	could
will	becomes →	would



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In Reported Speech you should use this structure:

Someone *said* (that) ……

Or:

Someone *told me* (that) ……

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I'm not happy at my job anymore and I think I will quit.

Ahmad told me that he **was** ..... not happy at his job anymore and he **thought** ..... he **would** ..... quit.

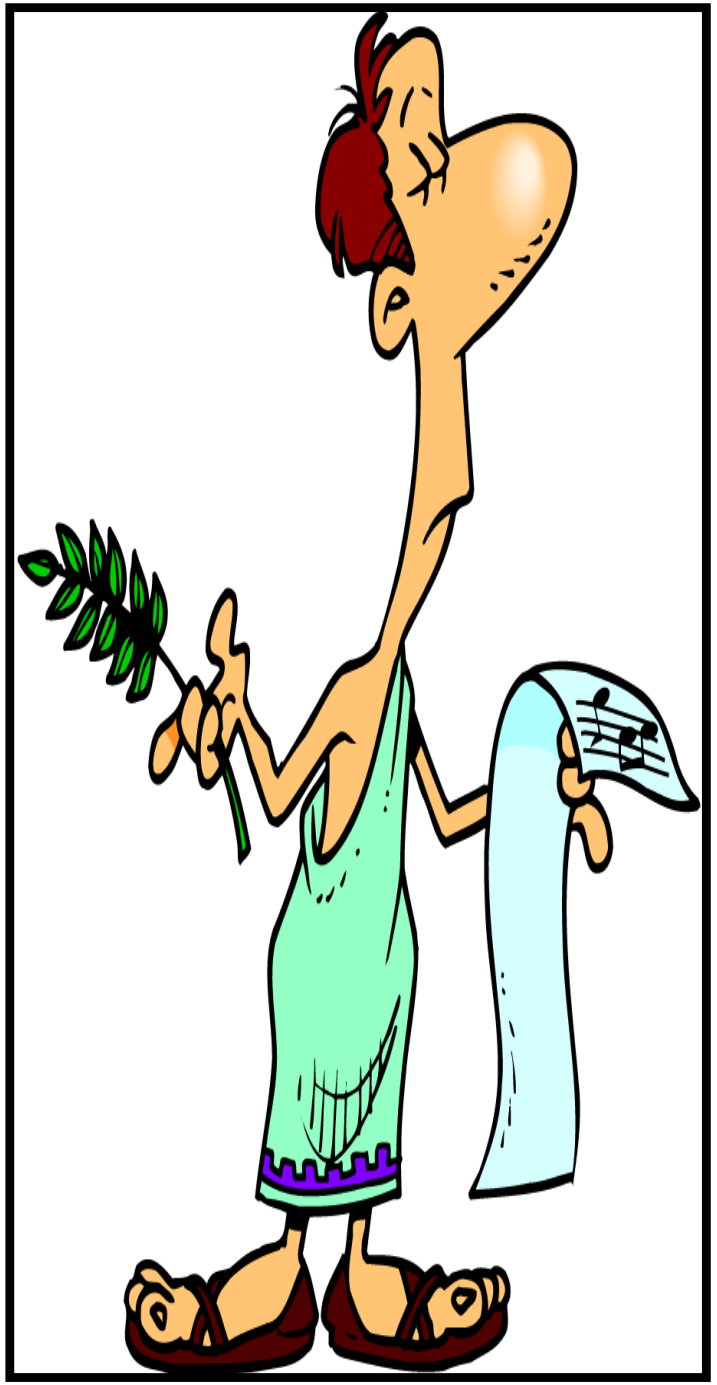
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Be careful with pronouns:



Ameera said that **her** ..... sister was coming to visit **her** ..... soon.

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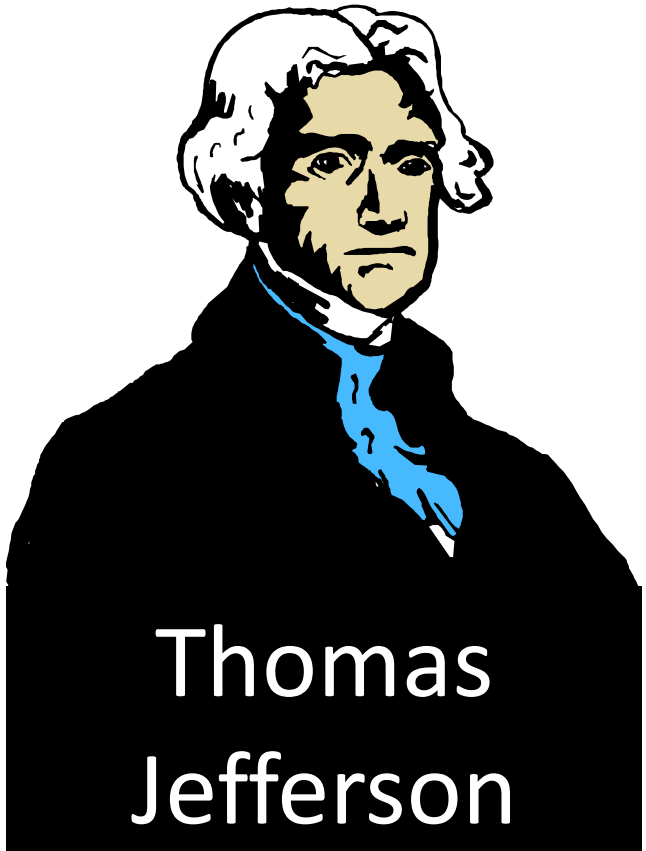






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Thomas Jefferson







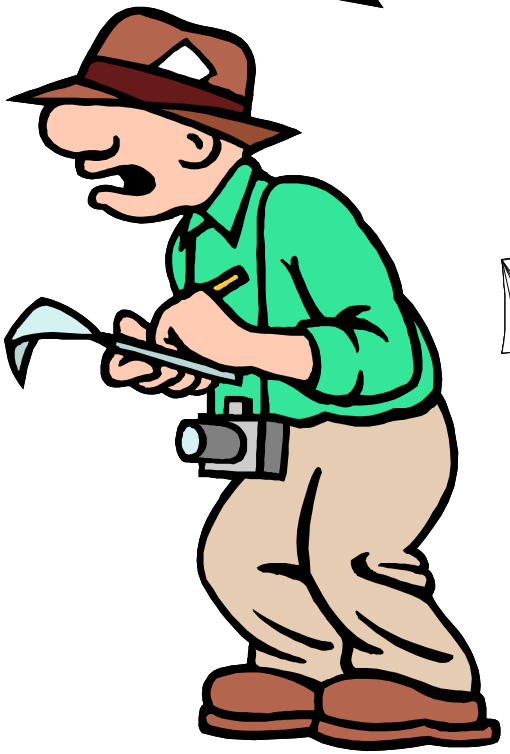
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Margaret Thatcher







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What did she say?



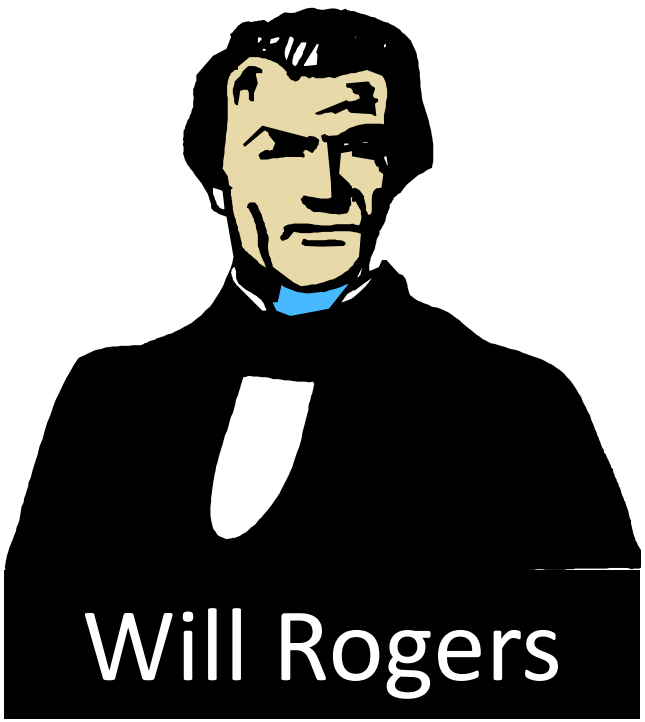






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Will Rogers





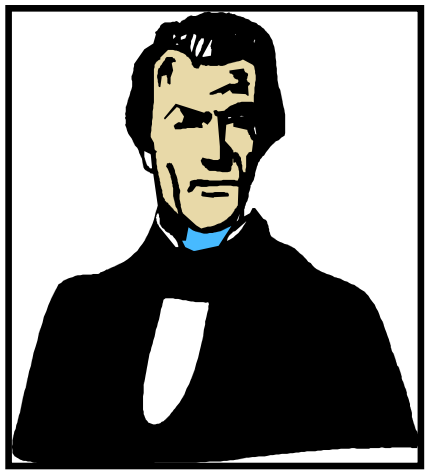


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