

# Changes in Present Tense in Narration

Usually, the present changes to past tense when we change direct speech into indirect speech

Direct Speech	Indirect speech
She said, "She works in New York Times".	She said that she worked in New York Times.
Jim said, "Bill loves to eat fish".	Jim said that bill loved to eat fish.
He said, "I write a book".	He said that he wrote a book.
She said, "He goes to school daily".	She said that he went to school daily.
They said, "We love our country".	They said that they loved their country.

In case of universal truth, proverb, mathematical facts, habitual action, historic facts and imaginary sentences we don't change the tense in reported speech.

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## How to Express Universal Truth?

Direct Speech	Indirect speech
He said, "Sun rises in the east".	He said that Sun rises in the east
My teacher said, "Earth revolves around the Sun".	My teacher said that Earth revolves around the Sun.
She said, "All that glitters is not gold".	She said that all that glitters is not gold.
Ali said, "Four and four is eight".	Ali said that four and four is eight.

### If reporting verb is given in present or future tense

If reporting verb is given in Present or Future tense then there will be no change in the verb or tense of Reported speech

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**Direct:** The teacher says, "Ali performs on the stage"

**Indirect:** The teacher says that Ali performs on the stage.

She said, "I go to school daily".	اس نے کہا، "میں روزانہ اسکول جاتی ہوں"
She said that she went to school daily.	اس نے بتایا کہ وہ روزانہ اسکول جاتی تھی۔
He said, "She listens to the music	اس نے کہا، "وہ موسیقی سنتی ہے"
He said that she listened to the music.	اس نے کہا کہ وہ موسیقی سنتی تھی۔
She said, "I wash my clothes "	اس نے کہا، "میں اپنے کپڑے دھوتی ہوں"
She said that she washed her clothes.	اس نے بتایا کہ اس نے اپنے کپڑے دھوئے۔
I said, "It rains "	میں نے کہا، "بارش ہوتی ہے"
I said that it rained.	میں نے کہا کہ بارش ہوئی۔