

# Grammar

Reported speech is the language we use when we are describing what someone said. We can report somebody's speech in several ways.

## Use of reporting statements and questions

The most common verbs that introduce a reported statement are *tell* or *say*. A reported question is introduced with the word *ask*. When we report statements and questions, we may need to make changes in the verb tense, pronoun, and time **phrases**.

**We told** the loan officer that **we wanted** to invest in a franchise.

He **asked** if **we had** any experience in the business we were looking into.

### Statements

Yesterday, the manager's exact words to her personal assistant were, "*I want you to type annual report by tomorrow*"

Today, the personal assistant reports the manager's statement as  
*My manager said (that) she wanted me to type that annual report by today.*  
*My manager told me (that) she wanted me to type that annual report by today.*

### Questions

Yesterday, the manager's exact words to her personal assistant were,:

*"Can you type this annual report by tomorrow?"*

*"When can you type the annual report?"*

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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