

Grammar Focus

Reported Speech



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A) Report the following quotes. When reporting, the use of (that) after (he said) is optional. Be careful! Some of the quotes do not shift tense!

1. "Turn right at the corner." He said _____.
2. "He blocks the shot!" She said _____.
3. "Jeremy spoke in class today." Sarah said _____.
4. "I can't, I'm working today." I said _____.
5. "I would if I could!" Greg said _____.
6. "If it snows, I snowboard!" Mom said _____.
7. "If he were you, he'd be you." They said _____.
8. "I've been working all week!" Dad said _____.
9. "I had finally gotten rid of him when..." Jessie said _____.
10. "By the time I got home, you'd left." You said _____.

B) Report the following in written form first, then orally to a partner.

My cat loves sushi paper. One day, while my wife and I were eating dinner, our cat decided to bother us for food. She coiled around our feet, purring. Of course, my wife gave her a little piece of sushi paper. My cat began to purr louder and vigorously chew the green wrap. After a few seconds, my cat had eaten the whole thing and was asking for more. I had had no idea that cats could eat vegetable based food. I was amazed.

C) Now, ask your partner the following questions and write down his or her answer.

Do you like Japanese food? _____

What time do you get up? _____

When were you born? _____

What were you doing last night? _____

What will you be doing tonight? _____

Have you been to Europe? _____

If you could, would you go
bungee jumping? _____

If you were Michael Jackson
how would you feel? _____

What do you do when it rains? _____

D) Now, report your partner's answers to another classmate.

- Ex. A: Does she like Japanese food?**
B: No, she said (that) she didn't. How about your partner?
A: Yes, he said he did.

