

Lesson Plan:

Reported speech

LEVEL	TIME	TOPIC
Intermediate (B1/B2)	60 minutes	Reported speech (indirect speech)

Objective

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Identify and use reported speech correctly.
- Transform direct speech into reported speech using appropriate changes in tense, pronouns, and time expressions.

Materials

- Whiteboard and markers
- Printed dialogue strips or sentence cards
- Projector or board for example sentences
- Worksheet (for practice)

1. Warm-Up (10 minutes)

Activity: *Telephone Game*

- Have students form a circle or a line.
- Whisper a simple sentence (e.g., "I love pizza") to the first student.
- The last student says what they heard out loud.
- Write both sentences on the board and compare.

Purpose: Introduces the idea of speech changing when passed on.

2. Presentation (15 minutes)

Explain Reported Speech:

- Use clear examples:

Direct: She said, "I am tired."

Reported: She said that she was tired.

Key Changes to Teach:

- Tense shift (present → past, will → would, etc.)
- Pronoun change
- Time words change
 - *today* → *that day*
 - *tomorrow* → *the next day*
 - *now* → *then*

Use a chart or table to visualize these.

3. Practice (20 minutes)

Activity 1: Sentence Conversion (Pairs or Small Groups)

Give students direct speech sentences to convert to reported speech.

Example:

Direct: "I'm going to the store," said John.

Reported: John said that he was going to the store.

Activity 2: Matching

Match direct quotes with the correct reported version on a worksheet.

4. Production (10 minutes)

Activity: Interview role play

- One student is a celebrity, another is a journalist.
- Conduct a short interview using direct speech.
- A third student reports what was said to the class using reported speech.

Example:

Direct: "I won an award last year," she said.

Reported: She said that she had won an award the year before.

5. Wrap-Up & Homework (5 minutes)

- Recap the rules of reported speech.
- Answer any student questions.

Homework: Write a short news report using at least 5 examples of reported speech.