



# Reported Speech

Shifting Verb Tenses in  
Statements and Questions

# What Is Reported Speech?



Reported speech is used to repeat what someone has already said.



# How Is It Formed?

The verb shifts to its past tense form.

## direct

## reported

simple present

simple past

simple past

past perfect

present perfect

past perfect

## direct

## reported

present continuous

past continuous

will

would

can

could



# Direct Speech



**Parrots can talk!**

This is direct speech.

# Reported Speech

Jimmy said that you  
could talk.

This is reported speech.

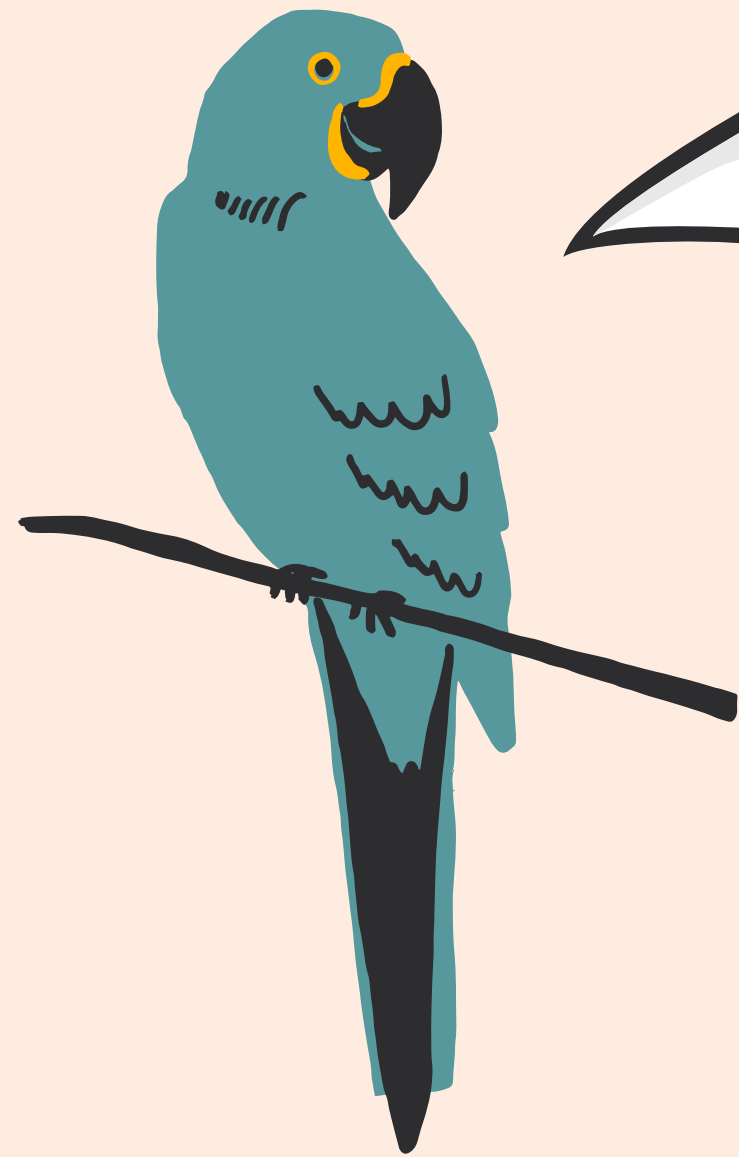
**can → could**

Can changes to could.



# Imperative forms

In command phrases, the verb changes to the infinitive.



Be quiet.

Polly told me to be quiet.



# WH- Question Forms

In WH- Questions, the subject and auxiliary verb switch places.



Why won't Polly talk to me?

Grandpa wondered why  
Polly wouldn't talk to him.



# YES/NO Question Forms

In yes/no questions, use IF.

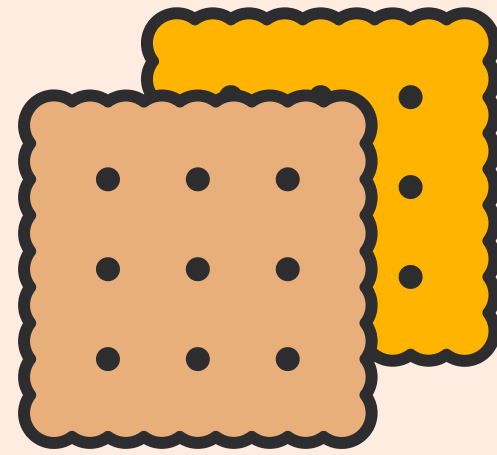


Do you want a cracker?

She asked me if I wanted a cracker!







# Let's Practice!

Get ready!

# What Did She Say?!

I have a question.

Where are the crackers?

Let me out.



Can you speak Parrot?

You're so pretty.

What is your password?

# Answers



**I have a question.**

She said she had a question.

**Where are the crackers?**

She asked me where the crackers were.

**Let me out.**

She told me to let her out.

**Can you speak Parrot?**

She asked if I could speak Parrot.

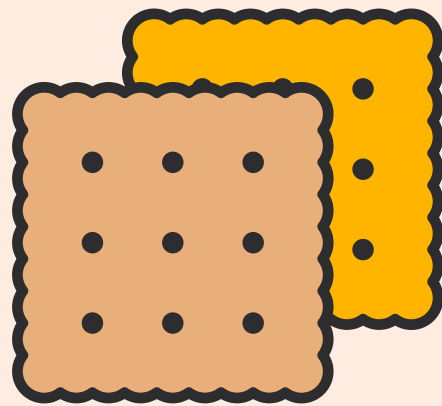
**You're so pretty.**

She told me I was pretty.

**What is your password?**

She asked me what my password was!

**Thank You!**



Any questions?

