

1 Indirect speech with tense shifts

You know from Unit 6 that there is usually a tense shift when you go from direct speech to indirect speech. Write the verb forms that are needed for these tenses in indirect speech.

- simple present → simple past
- present progressive → _____
- present perfect → _____
- simple past → _____
- past perfect → _____
- will → _____

2 Expressions of time

You know that expressions of time (e.g. today, this year) do not change in indirect speech when one is reporting during the same period of time (Zeitraum), e.g. the same day, the same year. But when the period of time is over, you need different expressions. How do these expressions change?

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| • today → <u>that day</u> | • tonight → _____ |
| • tomorrow → _____ | • this evening → _____ |
| • yesterday → _____ | • three days ago → _____ |
| • next year → _____ | • last week / year → _____ |

3 Practice: Indirect speech with tense shift

Now put these sentences into indirect speech. Watch the tense of the introductory verb!

1. Nick: "I'll give you the CD tomorrow."
→ Nick said that _____.
2. Hans: "I haven't heard from Susan since last week."
→ Hans complained that _____.
3. Susan: "Peter opened his restaurant two years ago, after he had returned from Australia."
→ Susan told us that _____.
4. Ryan: "All the exchange kids had a fun day at the shops on Oxford Street yesterday."
→ Ryan said that _____.

Lösungen

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- simple present → simple past
- present progressive → past progressive
- present perfect → past perfect
- simple past → past perfect
- past perfect → past perfect
- will → would

2

- today → that day
- tomorrow → the next day / the following day
- yesterday → the day before
- next year → the following year
- tonight → that night
- this evening → that evening
- three days ago → three days before / earlier
- last week / year → the week / year before

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1. "I'll give you the CD tomorrow."
→ Nick said that he would give him / her the CD the next day.
2. "I haven't heard from Susan since last week."
→ Hans complained that he had not heard from Susan since the week before.
3. "Peter opened his restaurant two years ago, after he had returned from Australia."
→ Susan told us that Peter had opened his restaurant two years before/earlier, after he had returned from Australia.
4. "All the exchange kids had a fun day at the shops on Oxford Street yesterday."
→ Ryan said that all the exchange students had had fun at the shops on Oxford Street the day before.

4

advise, ask, complain, hope, mention, promise, say, shout, state, tell, want to know, warn

5 (Lösungsvorschlag)

Yeah, yesterday I had to work at *The Silver Spoon* again. My boss, I tell you! First he complained that I was late for work again. Then he asked if I had set the tables and polished the glasses yet. He told me to hurry up. He said that the first guests would arrive in a few minutes. He told me to take my hands out of my pockets. He reminded me that that was a classy restaurant and not the cheap dump I had worked for the year before. Then he warned me not to flirt with Susan. He stated that we didn't have time for love there. He also wanted to know where I had bought my trousers and said that they looked too cheap for that place. He advised me to get new ones the next day and asked me if I wasn't earning enough money. Then he said I would have to work harder for better tips. At the end, he said that that was enough talk and asked if I could finally start to work.