

Changes

Turn these sentences into reported speech. Find suitable introductions.

1. "I saw you **today**."
2. "We'll come **the day after tomorrow**."
3. "I saw Ben **yesterday**."
4. "I have an appointment **next week**."
5. "I met her **the day before yesterday**."
6. "I was on holiday **last week**."
7. "I'll see you **tomorrow**."
8. "I saw her **a week ago**."
9. "I'm getting a new car **this week**."
10. "Do you like **this** shirt?"
11. "I live **here**."

Excuses

At school, three people haven't done their Maths homework and Mr Aram, the Maths teacher wants to know why. This is what the pupils tell him:

- Paul: "I'm terribly sorry, but I didn't have time to do my homework yesterday because I was at the doctor's. I promise I'll do it later today."
- Sally: "My budgie flew away yesterday and it took me four hours to catch it again. I'm going to do my Maths homework this afternoon."
- Sandra: "I'm sorry, but I wasn't able to do any homework at all last night because my family has just moved into the new house. I hope to do the Maths exercise this weekend."

The following week Mr Aram talks to Mr Bacon, the English teacher. They are both angry because the pupils are so lazy. Mr Aram complains, "They never do their homework, and then they come up with silly excuses. Last week, for example, Paul told me that ..." - Go on.

reported speech**Hilfe**

In der indirekten Rede werden außer den Verbformen und Pronomen oft auch die Adverbialen Bestimmungen (z.B. die Zeitangaben) angepasst.

- Dann gilt:
- aus **tomorrow** wird **the next/following day** oder **the day after**
 - aus **next week** wird **the following week** oder **the week after**
 - aus **in an hour** wird **an hour later**
 - aus **now** wird **then**
 - aus **today** wird **that day**
 - aus **tonight** wird **that night**
 - aus **last week** wird **the week before**
 - aus **yesterday** wird **the day before**
 - aus **the day before yesterday** wird **the other day** oder **two days before**
 - aus **ago** wird **before**
- außerdem:
- aus **here** wird **there**
 - aus **this** wird **that**

- Beispiele:
- Trish to his girlfriend: "I'll see you **tomorrow**."
Trish told his girlfriend that he would see her **the following day**.
- The policeman to the thief: "I know that you stole the bag **yesterday**."
The policeman told the thief that he knew he had stolen the bag **the day before**.

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1. Pam told Mark that she had seen him **that day**."
2. The Browns rang up their friends and told them that they would come **two days later**.
3. Lisa said to Mary that she had seen Ben **the day before**.
4. Sheila told her mother that she had an appointment **the following week**.
5. Peter reminded Samantha that he had met her **two days before**.
6. Ricky said that he had been on holiday **the week before**.
7. Pamela told her friend that she would see him **the next day**.
8. Mrs Brown said about Miss Baxter that she had seen her **a week before**.
9. Mr Adams pointed out that he was getting a new car **that week**.
10. Charlene asked her friend if he liked **that** shirt.
11. Priscilla said that she lived **there**.

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Paul told me that he was terribly sorry, but he hadn't had time to do his homework because he had been at the doctor's. He promised that he would do it later that day.

Sally said to me that her budgie had flown away the day before and it had taken her four hours to catch it again. She promised that she was going to do her Maths homework that afternoon.

Sandra said that she was sorry, but she hadn't been able to do any homework at all the night before because her family had just moved into the new house. She hoped to do the Maths homework that weekend.

Additional exercise**1. News from an old pupil**

A lot of British schools collect news from 'old' pupils. A new editor reads their letters, and the most interesting ones are printed in the school's newsletter. Here is a page of the letter which Sarah Springman, now an international triathlon champion, wrote to her old school in Cambridge:

Sarah Springman



and it seems a very long time since I played in the school tennis team!
 Now, as you probably know, my main interest is the triathlon. (For those of you who don't know: you have to swim, cycle and run in a triathlon.) I first became interested in the sport when I read about it in a magazine. Now I spend most of my time training for it.
 Last week I won the European championship for the second time. I came back from Sweden only yesterday! I am enjoying a rest today, and I'm looking forward to a celebration dinner with my friends this evening! But I'll start training for another race tomorrow. That will be in Hawaii, where the first triathlon race was held in 1978. They called it the Iron Man race because it was so tough!
 I take my training very seriously, although I also

Phil Long, the news editor, has marked the information which he wants to put in the newsletter. He is going to get it ready now. Can you help him? He started like this:

It was good to hear from Sarah Springman again after so long. She wrote on September 20th, when she had one free day. She wrote that her main interest ...