

19th June 2024
Language – Reporting

Ms Garcia: “I **cut** my hand **last week**.”

Letter: Ms Garcia **reported** that she **had cut** her hand **the week before/the previous week**.
Past simple – past perfect simple

Mr Sillitoe: “I **have lost** my appetite.”

Letter: Mr Sillitoe **explained** that he **had lost** his appetite.
Present perfect simple – past perfect simple

Mrs Banks: “I **have been feeling** sick.”

Letter: Mrs Banks **told** me that she **had been feeling** sick.
Present perfect continuous – past perfect continuous

Mr Akhtar: “I **was having** trouble walking **yesterday**.”

Letter: Mr Akhtar **said** that he **had been having** trouble walking **the day before/the previous day**.
Past continuous – past perfect continuous

In these sentences, what tenses are used after the verbs: ‘report’, ‘explain’ ‘told’ and ‘said’?

Why?

We can use these verbs to ‘report’ what a patient said during an appointment:

- Reported that
- Stated that
- Told me that
- Said that
- Mentioned that
- Explained that
- Revealed that

Practice:

Joshua Vance (according to his parents):

18/01/14

History: Has not passed a bowel action for last 5 days. Refusing feeds. No wet nappies today. Vomit x 1. No fevers.

Joshua's parents reported that he had not passed a bowel action for the previous five days.

Mrs Walter:

13/1/10

History: Complaining of poor sleep, no energy, loss of weight over past months
Recent bereavement – older sister died (heart attack six weeks ago)
Tearful + depressed

Mr Collister:

26/11/17 Sore R knee – pain intermittent, worse going up stairs. No identified trigger.
?osteoarthritis.
Shoulder has improved.

Mrs Santini:

Patient history:

10.03.2018

Subjective:

Presenting complaint

↓ Activities of daily living (ADL) – stopped accessing local shops and seeing friends, confined to a two-storey house but recently has experienced difficulty in climbing stairs

↑ Depressive symptoms (+ reclusive, + anti-social, + irritability, + agitation)