

19th and 20th 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. Joshua's parents explained that he had been refusing feeds. Joshua's parents mentioned that he had had no wet nappies that day. Joshua's parents stated that he had vomited once and had experienced no fevers.

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

Mrs Walter reported that she had been experiencing poor sleep, a lack of energy and weight loss over the previous months. Mrs Walter presented to our clinic and reported that she had been experiencing poor sleep and a lack of energy, and she had lost weight over the previous months. In addition, she informed me that her sister had died six weeks before. As a result, she was tearful and depressed.

Mr Collister:

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

Mr Collister stated that he had been experiencing soreness in his right knee, which was intermittent and worse going up stairs. He informed me that he had been experiencing intermittent pain, which was worsened by going up stairs. Mr Collister reported intermittent pain in his right knee, which worsened when going up stairs. In addition, no triggering factors were identified. Mr Collister reported that he had been experiencing soreness in his right knee with intermittent pain which was worse when going upstairs. Osteoarthritis was provisionally diagnosed. He told me that his shoulder had 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)

Mrs Santini mentioned that her ADLs had decreased, including not accessing local shops and seeing her friends. In addition, she reported that she had been having difficulty climbing stairs. As a result, she had been experiencing an increase in depressive symptoms such as becoming reclusive, anti-social, irritable and agitated.

Mrs Santini mentioned that she had stopped accessing local shops and seeing her friends.
Mrs Santini mentioned that she had not been accessing local shops and seeing her friends.