

## 2<sup>nd</sup> December

### OET Writing – Reported Speech

#### Starter

Have a look at the sentences below:

“I will go to the cinema tomorrow,” said Simon. – direct speech

Simon told me that he would go to the cinema the following day. – reported (indirect) speech

What differences do you notice between them?

When we use reported speech, we often change...

- The tense of the original sentence (we use ‘step back’)
- Pronouns
- The structure of the original sentence
- Time stamps/phrases
- Some verbs

## Reporting Sentences

<b>...said Simon</b>	<b>Simon told me/said (that)...</b>
"I love Chinese food"	...he loved Chinese food.
"I'm working at home"	...he was working at home.
"I'll help you now"	...he would help me at that time/then.
"I finished the homework yesterday"	...he had finished the homework the previous day/the day before.
"I've lost my mobile"	...he had lost his mobile.
"I can't swim here"	...he couldn't swim there.
"I may/might buy a new car next week"	...he might buy a new car the following week.
"I must do my homework tonight"	...he had to do his homework that night.
"I should eat less junk food"	...he should eat less junk food.
"I'll bring my book to the lesson"	...he would take his book to the lesson.

## Reporting Imperatives

<b>...said Tom</b>	<b>Tom told me...</b>
"Don't shout!"	...not to shout.
"Stop making so much noise, please".	...to stop making so much noise.

## Reporting Questions

<b>...asked Sarah</b>	<b>Sarah asked (me)...</b>
"Are you American?"	...if/whether I was American.
"Do you have a car?"	...if/whether I had a car.
"Were you at home last night?"	...if/whether I had been at home the night before/the previous night.
"Did you enjoy the party?"	...if/whether I had enjoyed the party.
"Have you been to Paris?"	...if/whether I had been to Paris.
"Where do you live?"	...where I lived.
"What time is it?"	...what time it was.
"What have you bought?"	...what I had bought.
"When did you go to Paris?"	...when I had gone/been to Paris.
"Are you coming to the cinema tomorrow?"	...if I was going to the cinema the following day.