








Reported speech

Last week you went to a party. A lot of your friends were there. Here are some things they said to you:

DIANE 	I'm enjoying my new job. My father isn't very well.	am is } → was	Diane said that she was enjoying her new job. She said that her father wasn't very well.
SARAH 	We're going to buy a house.	are → were	Sarah and Tim said that they were going to buy a house.
PETER 	I have to go early. My sister has gone to Australia.	have has } → had	Peter said that he had to go early. He said that his sister had gone to Australia.
ANN 	I can't find a job.	can → could	Ann said that she couldn't find a job.
STEVE 	I'll phone you.	will → would	Steve said that he would phone me.
ANGELA 	I don't like my job. My son doesn't like school.	do does } → did	Angela said that she didn't like her job. She said that her son didn't like school.
MIKE 	You look tired. I feel fine.	look feel etc. (present)	Mike said that I looked tired. I said that I felt fine. etc. (past)

say and tell

say (→ said)

- He **said** that he was tired. (not 'He said me')
- What did she **say to** you? (not 'say you')

Do not say: 'he said me', 'I said Ann' etc.

tell (→ told)

- He **told me** that he was tired. (not 'He told that ...')
- What did she **tell you**? (not 'tell to you')

Do not say: 'he told to me', 'I told to Ann' etc.

You can say:

- He **said that** he was tired. or He said he was tired. (without 'that')
- Ann told me **that** she didn't like her job. or Ann told me she didn't like her job.

Today you meet Paul. You tell him about the party. You tell Paul what your friends said:







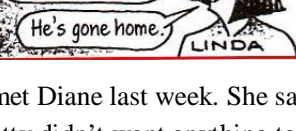
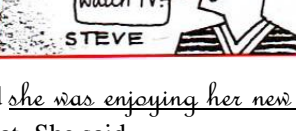

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Read what these people say and write sentences with **He/She/They said (that) ...**

1 	I've lost my watch.	6 	I don't feel very well.
He said he had lost his watch.			
2 	I'm very busy.	7 	We'll be home late.
3 	I can't go to the party.	8 	I've just come back from holiday.
4 	I have to go out.	9 	I'm going to buy a computer.
5 	I'm learning Russian.	10 	We haven't got a key.

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Use the pictures to complete the sentences.

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4 	5 	6 
7 	8 	9 

- I met Diane last week. She said she was enjoying her new job.
- Betty didn't want anything to eat. She said _____
- I wanted to borrow Mike's ladder but he said _____
- Sally was invited to the party but she told me _____
- Sharon told me she didn't want the picture. She said _____
- Martin has gone away on holiday. He said _____
- I was looking for Robert. Linda said _____
- "Why did Steve stay at home?" "He told us _____"
- "Has Mary gone out?" "I think so. She said _____"

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Put in say/said or tell/told.

- He _____ he was tired.
- What did she _____ you?
- Ann _____ she didn't like Peter.
- Jack _____ me you were ill.
- Did Lucy _____ she would be late?
- Please don't _____ Jim what happened.
- The woman _____ she was a nurse.
- The woman _____ us she was a nurse.