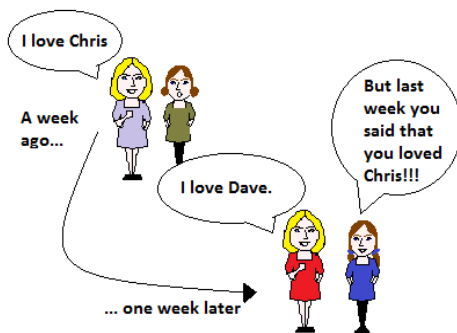


REPORTED SPEECH



What changes do we make when we report statements and questions?
Do we always change the verb tense?

Reporting Questions:

1. Use normal word order without *do*, *does*, *did* in reported questions.
"Why do so many people experience voice problems?" the presenter asked.
The presenter asked why do so many people experienced voice problems.



2. Yes/no questions are reported with *if* or *whether*. Question marks are not used.
"Do you work for Mr. Beasley?" she asked.
She asked him if he worked for Mr. Beasley.

REPORTING VERBS: The most common reporting verbs are *say*, *tell*, and *ask*. However, there are other reporting verbs that show a point of view. It is important to know the proper structure that follows these verbs:

1. verb + *that* clause (add, admit, claim, estimate, reply, say, stress, tell, warn...)
"I didn't leave the house yesterday," she claimed.
She claimed (that) she hadn't left the house the previous day.
2. verb + infinitive (agree, ask, claim, demand, offer, promise, refuse, threaten)
"I can help you move to your new house," said my friend.
She offered to help me move to my new house.
3. verb + object + infinitive (advise, ask, convince, invite, persuade)
She advised him to leave and warned him not to tell anyone.
4. verb + gerund (admit, advise, deny, recommend, regret, suggest)
He admitted breaking the window but denied stealing anything.

