Direct Speech & Indirect Speech (Reported Speech)

Grade 9

Direct Speech	Reported Speech
present simple s+v (main verb) (He, She, It - IIIrd person singular - verb+s/es)	past simple s+v2
"I am a teacher"	He said he <mark>was</mark> a teacher
present continuous s+am/is/are + v+ing	past continuous s+was/were + v+ing
"I am having lunch with my parents"	He said he was having lunch with his parents.
present perfect simple s+has/have+v3	past perfect simple s+had+v3
"I have been to France three times"	He said he had been to France three times.
present perfect continuous s+has/have+been v+ing	past perfect continuous s+had+been v+ing
"I have been working very hard"	He said he had been working very hard.
past simple s+v2	past perfect s+had+v3

"I bought a new car"	He said he had bought a new car.
past continuous	past perfect continuous
s+was/were+v+ing	s+had+been+v+ing
"It was raining earlier"	He said it had been raining earlier.
past perfect	past perfect (No change)
s+had+v3	s+had+v3
"The play had started when I arrived"	She said the play had started when she arrived
past perfect continuous	past perfect continuous (No change)
s+had+been+v+ing	s+had+been+v+ing
"I had already been living in London for five years"	Jack told me she had already been living in London for five years
Future Tense shall/will	Future in the Past should/would
s+shall/will + v1 (I/We - shall)	s+should/would+ v1
Eli said, "I shall buy the book tomorrow"	Eli said that she would buy the book tomorrow.
Other verb forms also sometimes change	
will	would
"I will come and see you soon"	He said he would come and see me soon.
can	could
"I can swim under water for two minutes"	He said he could swim underwater for two minutes.
must	had to

"All tickets must be bought in advance"	He said that all tickets had to be bought in advance.
shall	should
"What shall we do about it?"	He asked what we should do about it.
may	might
"May I smoke?"	He asked if he might smoke.
ought to	No change
"You ought to come at 7 pm"	He told me I ought to come at 7 pm
Should	No change
"I should have helped you"	He said he should have helped me
Would	No change
"I would walk the dog at night"	She said she would walk the dog at night
Could	No change
"You couldn't do it"	He told me I couldn't do it
Might	No change
"I might arrive late"	He said he might arrive late