Reported Speech — Essentials

Estilo indirecto

Understand it · Entiéndelo

Retell, don’t quote · Cuenta, no cites

Reported speech passes on what someone said in your own words. Three things may move: who is speaking (pronouns), when (the tense), and where or when words (hoy, aquí). Ask what is still true for the person hearing your retelling, then adjust.

English	Spanish
Ana says: “I am tired.”	Ana dice: «Estoy cansada».
Ana says she is tired.	Ana dice que está cansada. está: Verb — action or state
Ana said she was tired.	Ana dijo que estaba cansada. estaba: Verb — action or state

Notes

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Use it · Úsalo

Build it step by step · Constrúyelo paso a paso

English	Spanish
Ana asks: “Where is the book?”	Ana pregunta: «¿Dónde está el libro?».
Ana asks where the book is.	Ana pregunta dónde está el libro. dónde: Question word

Try it · Inténtalo

Report “Ana dice: Estoy cansada” and “Ana pregunta: ¿Dónde está el libro?”.

Self-check · Comprueba tu respuesta

Ana dice que está cansada. Ana pregunta dónde está el libro.

Common mistake · Error común

Indirect questions keep the written accent in dónde, qué, cómo, etc., even without question marks.

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