

Reported speech

1. Commands

He: “**Come** here.” – He tells me **to come** here.

2. Negative commands

He: “**Don’t** come here.” – He tells me **not to come** here.

3. Polite requests

He: “**Come** here, **please**.” – He **asks** me **to come** here.

4. Statements

He: “**I like** English.” – He tells me **that he likes** English.

5. WH questions

He: “**Where did** you **go** yesterday?” – He asks me **where I went** yesterday.

He: “**What does** she **like** to eat?” – He asks me **what she likes** to eat.

6. Yes/No questions

He: “**Can** she **help** me?” – He asks me **if she can help** him.

He: “**Have** you **bought** bread?” – He asks me **if I have bought** bread.

Active Voice, Passive Voice

There are two special forms for verbs called **voice**:

1. **Active voice**
2. **Passive voice**

The **active voice** is the "normal" voice. This is the voice that we use most of the time. You are probably already familiar with the active voice. In the active voice, the **object** receives the action of the verb:

active	subject	verb	object
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	Cats	eat	fish.

The **passive voice** is less usual. In the passive voice, the **subject** receives the action of the verb:

passive	subject	verb	object
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	Fish	are eaten	by cats.

The **object** of the active verb becomes the **subject** of the passive verb:

	subject	verb	object
active	Everybody	drinks	water.
passive	Water	is drunk	by everybody.