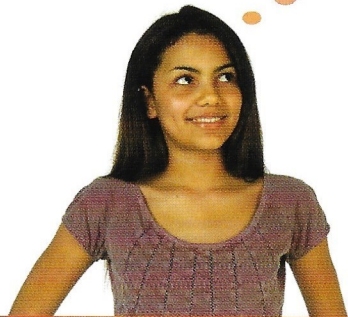


Direct to reported speech

When we change direct speech to reported speech, we have to make some changes to the words we use. If direct speech uses a present tense, we use a past tense in reported speech.

"I **am** hungry."

Krishna said that she **was** hungry.



"The water **is** lovely and warm."

Jayla said that the water **was** lovely and warm.



"The cat **has hurt** his paw."

Poppy said that the cat **had hurt** his paw.



"I **will beat** Harry at chess."

Ali said that he **would beat** Harry at chess.



We also have to change pronouns such as **I**, **he** and **she** in reported speech.

Emily said that **she** loved pasta.

"I love pasta."



"**We** are making cakes."

Daisy and Lucas said that **they** were making cakes.

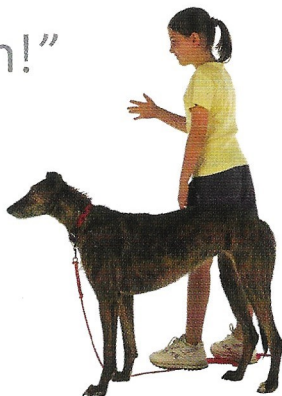


When you write, try using lots of different verbs to report what people say. It will help make your writing more interesting.

Here are some more verbs you can use in reported speech:

"Fetch!"

Maria
ordered the
dog to fetch
the ball.



"Would you
like to come to
my party?"

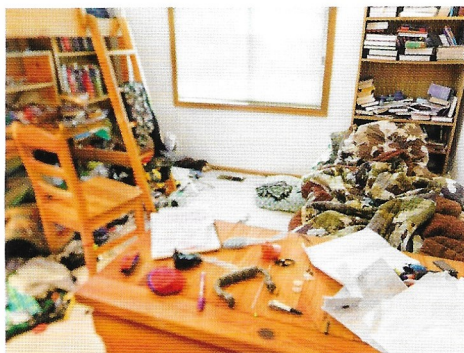
Sophie **invited** me
to her party.

"It wasn't me."



Jack **denied**
breaking the cup.

Liam **promised** to
tidy up later.



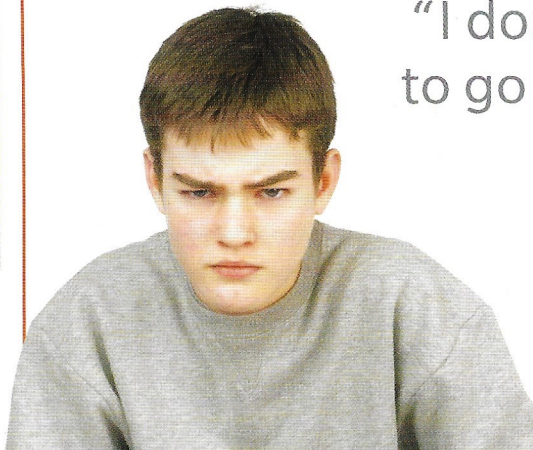
"I'll tidy
up later."

"Let's go to the beach."



Mia **suggested** going
to the beach.

Tim **refused** to go to bed.



"I don't want
to go to bed!"