

Indirect Speech

"I love you" → He told her that he loved her

"I loved you at first sight" → He told her that he had loved her at first sight

"I want to marry you" → He told her that he wanted to marry her

"I will buy you a villa" He told her that he would buy her a villa

"I have always wanted a girl like you" → He told her that he had always wanted a girl like her.

If the introductory verb is in Present, Future, Present Perfect we don't change the tense

If the introductory verb is in the past we change the tense in the reported statement

CHANGES

Simple Present → Simple Past

Pres. Continuous → Past Continuous

Simple Past → Past Perfect

Past Cont → Past Perfect Continuous.

Present Perf → Past Perfect

Pr. Perf Cont → Past Perf. Cont

will → would

can → could

may → might

must → must, had to

this → that

these → those

here → there

come → go

we → they

now → then

today → that day

yesterday → the previous day, the day before

tomorrow → the next day, the following day, the day after

tonight → that night

last week/month/year the previous week/month/year before

next week/month/year the following week/month/year
the week/month/year before after

ago

Questions.

Do you love me? → She asked him if he loved her

Will you meet my parents? → She asked him if he would meet her parents.

asked + if/whether + Subject + Verb
affirmative sentence

wh-word } → ask + wh-word + affirmative sentence
How how

An American Tourist meets a Greek man. He marries her

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Introductory Verbs

They are having a party:

1. ^{Would you like me to send} Shall I send the invitations? → offered to
he offered to send the invitations

2. I will help you with the housework → promised to / that
He promised to help her with the housework / that he would help her.

3. Yes, ^{he asks her "Will you meet my relatives?"} I will meet your relatives → agreed to
she agreed to meet his relatives

AFTER SOME TIME ~~THEY QUARREL~~: He asks her to give him his presents back:
4. I will not give you the presents back → refused to
she refused to him the presents back

5. "Yes, it is true" ^{she says: you aren't the same man I knew some months ago} → agreed that
he agreed that it was true

6. Give my presents back or else I will kill you → threatened to
He threatened to tell her if she didn't give his presents back
They break up and she meets her best friend

7. ~~SHE TALKS WITH HER BEST FRIEND:~~
Ways of advice

If I were you I would...
You had better
You should

If I were you I would go home → advised her

Her friend advised her to go back

8. Don't play games with him → warned her
She warned her not to play games with him

9. Don't forget to take your things back → reminded her

She reminded her to take her things back. ^{SHE GOES TO THEIR HOUSE:}

10. Please ^{HE PAYS HER A VISIT:} leave me alone → begged him

She begged him to leave her alone

She meets her ex boyfriend

11. How nice to see you again → she exclaimed that it
was nice to see him again

"stop annoying me"
she ordered him to stop
annoying her

12. Would you like to have dinner with me? → he invited her
He invited her to have dinner with him

- 13 I'd rather stay at home → she preferred to
she preferred to stay at home
- 14 You see, I'm under pressure. ^{now} → she explained to him
that she was under pressure. then
15. "I have started divorce proceedings" → she informed him that she had started
divorce proceedings
16. I wish I had not married him → she regretted that / she had married
marrying him
having married him
17. I'm sorry I've spoilt your evening → she apologized for spoiling his
he leaves
for having spoilt
- 18 Will I ever fall in love again? → she wondered if she would ever
fall in love again
She meets her husband. They are in a cafe
- 19 You destroyed my life → she accused him of destroying her life
of having destroyed her life
- 20 No I didn't → he denied that he had destroyed her life
destroying
having destroyed
- "You made a lot of mistakes" Yes I made a lot of mistakes
- 21 Yes I did → he admitted that he had made
making
having made
- 22 I wish you wouldn't be aggressive" → she complained that he was
aggressive
- 23 "Let's start a new life together again" he suggested that they should start
they start
-starting
- Suggestions: Let's, shall we...? How about +-ing.
What about, why don't we...? why not...