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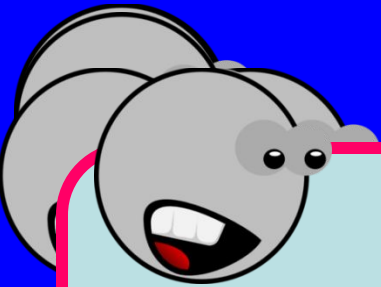
STEP BY STEP



This is how we report statements.

“I am doing my homework now,” said Tom.

Tom said that he **was** doing **his** homework then.



Now let's take a look at some of these changes in more detail.

TENSE CHANGES: present

make/makes



made



am/is/are
making



was/were
making



has/have
made



had made



don't/doesn't
make



didn't
make



Note that we only change the first verb from present into past.



TENSE CHANGES: past

went



had gone



didn't go



hadn't
gone



was/were
going



had been
going



When the tense is past we need to add

had + past participle

Verbs already in the past perfect do not change.

Next

TENSE CHANGES: modal verbs

can



could



will



would



may



might



must



must or
had to



The past modals *could*, *would*, *should* and *might* do not change.



CHANGES in PLACE & TIME

here



there



this



that/the



these



those



now



then



today



that day



CHANGES in PLACE & TIME

tonight



that night



tomorrow



the next day /
the following
day



next week



the following
week

THAT'S ALL
FOR NOW!

yesterday



the day before/
the previous
day

last month



the previous
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