In order to write an article about Daniel Radcliffe, you have to transfer what he said into indirect speech. Therefore, work on the **following tasks**:

* Compare the speech bubbles to the reported sentences on the right-hand side.
* Underline the verb forms and write down the tenses used.
* Complete the table below.
* Find out the rule(s) how to report what somebody said (in the speech bubbles).

Work together with a partner

* Compare your results.
* Note the rule(s) you have agreed on.
* Prepare a presentation giving the most important facts and rules.

For the presentation visualise your findings.

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| Question: What song did Daniel Radcliffe rap?  Ein Bild, das Text, Screenshot, Monitor, drinnen enthält.  Automatisch generierte Beschreibung  It’s a song called Alphabet Aerobics  .  Tense: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | *He explained that it was a song called ‘Alphabet Aerobics’.*  Tense: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| Question: Has Daniel Radcliffe ever met Elijah Woods?  Ein Bild, das Text, Screenshot, Monitor, drinnen enthält.  Automatisch generierte Beschreibung  I have met Elijah once.  Tense: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | *Daniel Radcliffe said that he had met Elijah once.*  Tense:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| Question: What happened to Daniel Radcliffe’s hair in the film “Frankenstein”?  I had extensions.  Ein Bild, das Text, Screenshot, Monitor, drinnen enthält.  Automatisch generierte Beschreibung  Tense: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | *Daniel Radcliffe explained that he had had extensions.*  Tense: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Task: Complete the table

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| Tense: direct speech | Tense: indirect speech |
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| *Rule(s):* |

**Answer key for the teacher:**

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| Tense: direct speech | Tense: indirect speech |
| Simple present | Simple past |
| Present perfect | Past perfect |
| Simple past | Past perfect |

*Expected Rule:*

* *The verb in direct speech changes when we report it.*

*Expected Results of the presentation: Reported Speech in the English language*

* *When the reporting verb is in the present, future, present perfect there is usually no change in tenses. The tenses are usually the same as those in the speaker’s original words.*
* *When the reporting verb is in the past, we do not normally use the same tenses as the original speaker. In this case the verb is “more past” because we are not talking at the same time as the speaker was.*

*è Backshifting only takes place when the reporting verb is in the past tense.*

* *Some exceptions:*
* *When we are reporting people saying things that are still true when we report them. Example:*

*“The earth goes round the sun.” à Galileo proved that the earth* ***goes*** *round the sun.*

* *We prefer past tenses if we are not sure of the truth of what we report. Example:*

*She told me she* ***is*** *getting married next June. (I believe her)*

*She told me she* ***was*** *getting married next June. (It may be true, it may not)*

* *“here and now” words*

*here à there*

*now à then, at once*

*yesterday à the day before*

*tomorrow à the next day*

*next week (month) à the following week (month)*

*last week (month) à the week (month) before*

*ago à before*

*this, these à that, those*