

Indirect speech

Situation : 'Last week you went to Brenda's birthday party and met a lot of old friends;



Here are some things that some of them said to you :

<u>At the party</u> :	<u>transformations</u>	<u>Now you tell Peter what your friends said</u> :
Bob : ' I am not really happy.'	am > was	Bob said that he was not really happy.
Kate : ' Mum is retired.'	is > was	Kate said that her mum was retired.
Jane & Sam : We are going to travel round the USA.'	are > were	Jane and Sam said that they were going to travel round the USA.
Lucy : ' I have to find a job.'	have > had	Lucy said that she had to find a job.
Andy : 'My brother has found a new job.'	has > had	Andy said that his brother had found a new job.
Jim : ' I can't sleep well.'	can > could	Jim said that he couldn't sleep well.
Steve : ' I will tell Dr Brown about that.'	will > would	Steve said that he would tell Dr Brown about that.
Mike (to you) : 'You look a bit tired.'	look > looked	Mike said that I looked a bit tired.
You (to Mike) : ' I feel all right.'	feel > felt	I said that I felt all right
Maggy : 'I don't like champagne !'	do > did	Maggy said that she didn't like champagne.
Sue & Dan : ' Phil doesn't work well at school.'	does > did	Sue and Dan said that Phil didn't work well at school.

*To make sure you can make the difference between 'SAY' and 'TELL', see the exercises about it.

You can say :

He said that he was not really happy **or** He said he was not really happy /

Maggy told me that she didn't like champagne **or** Maggy told me she didn't like champagne /