Tense Changes When Using Reported Speech

Simple present

"I always **drink** coffee", she said

Present continuous

"I am reading a book", he explained.

Simple past

"Bill arrived on Saturday", he said.

Present perfect

"I have been to Spain", he told me.

Past perfect

"I **had just turned** out the light," he explained.

Present perfect continuous

They complained, "We have been waiting for hours".

Past continuous

"We **were living** in Paris", they told me.

Future

"I **will be** in Geneva on Monday", he said

Future continuous

She said, "**I'll be using** the car next Friday".

Simple past

She said that she always drank coffee.

Past continuous

He explained that he **was reading** a book

--- Past perfect

He said that Bill **had arrived** on Saturday

Past perfect

He told me that he **had been** to Spain

Past perfect

He explained that he **had just turned out** the light.

Past perfect continuous

They complained that they **had been** waiting for hours.

Past perfect continuous

They told me that they **had been living** in Paris.

Present conditional

He said that he **would be** in Geneva on Monday.

Conditional continuous

She said that she **would be using** the car next Friday.

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
today	that day
tonight	that night
this week/month/year	that week/month/year
tomorrow	the next day
next week/month/year	the following week/month/year
yesterday	the day before/the previous day
last week/month/year	the day/month/year before o the previous day/month/year
now	then/at that moment
Otros cambios	
here	there