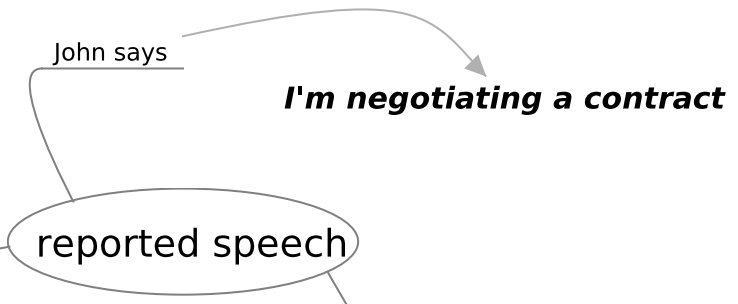


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backshift 1 tense

John said he was negotiating a contract

e.g. past simple > past perfect

I signed the contract yesterday

John said he had signed the contract

yesterday
the day before

Have you been here (at THIS seminar) before?

John asked if you had been

there before
at THAT seminar before

I will finish the contract tomorrow

EXPRESSING A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT IS TRUE AND WHAT IS EXPECTED

AND WHAT IS EXPECTED

Jack says

John has not finished the contract

You meet John but the contract is ready

Jack said you hadn't finished the contract

He said he would finish the contract

tomorrow
the next day

(but perhaps we are not sure...)

He said he would finish the contract tomorrow

the following day

tomorrow

the next day

He said he will finish the contract = he promised