Narration rules page 1

He says to me, "I like your habits."

Says is called reported verb and like is called reported speech.

If reported verb is in present tense there is no change in verbs of reported speech.

Rules for Present tense

- 1. Says to changes into tells and commas into that when there is full stop.
- 2. Says to changes into asks and commas into if when there is question mark.
- 3. Say to changes into tell and commas into that when there is full stop.
- 4. Say to changes into ask and commas into if when there is question mark.
- 5. Say no change
- 6. Says no change
- 7. If there are three words...do...does...did .Then they are always removed.

He said to me," I like your habits."

If reported verb is in past tense(said) verbs of reported speech(like) changes.

He told me that he liked my habits

Rules for Past tenses

- 1. Said to changes to told and commas into that when there is full stop.
- 2. Said to changes to asked and commas into if when there is question mark.
- 3. Said to changes to ordered and commas into to in imperative sentences of order
- 4. Said to changes to requested and commas into to in imperative sentences of please
- 5. Said to changes to suggested and commas into to in imperative sentences of suggestion
- 6. Said to changes to advised and commas into to in imperative sentences of advice
- 7. Said to changes to proposed to and commas into that we shouldin "let us"
- 8. Said to changes to begged permission and commas into to...in "let"
- 9. Said to.....exclaimed with sorrow......that......."alas"
- 10. Said to changes to exclaimed with joy and commas into that...."Hurrah"
- 11. Said to changes to exclaimed with surprise and commas into that.."What !"
- 12. Said to changes to applauded with saying and commas into that .." Bravo"
- 1. 1st form.....Second
- 2. 2nd form.....had+3rd form
- 3. 3rd form....no change
- 4. Do, does+not+1st form.....did not +1st form...in full stop.
- 5. Do, does+1st form.....2nd form...in ?(do, does are removed)
- 6. Did+1st form.....had+3rd form
- 7. Will/shall+1st form.....would+1st form

<u>Persons</u>

- 1. I,ME,MY,WE,OUR,US.....ARE CALLED FIRST PERSONS
- 2. YOU, YOUR.....ARE CALLED SECOND PERSONS
- 3. HE,HIS,HIM,SHE,HER,THEY,THEIR,THEM,IT...ARE CALLLED 3RD PERSONS

1ST PERSON IS CHANGED TO SEE THE SUBJECT OF REPORTED VERB

3RD PERSON IS NEVER CHANGED

Some words are changed in narration

Today.....that day

Tomorrow.....the next day

Ago.....before

Last.....the previous

Yesterday.....the previous day

This.....that

These.....those

Here.....there

Learn all these rules to get well in English

