

## Reported Speech- Same or Different

Write S or D on each line below if the things have the same or different meanings. If there are more than two, they are all the same or all different. Small differences mean "different".

- tell someone that it comes later/ tell someone to come later
- tell someone to call you back/ ask someone to call you back
- I asked for sugar/ I requested sugar
- ask someone to stay/ beg someone to stay/ demand that someone stay
- I begged for his help/ I prayed for his help
- say that it works/ tell someone that it works
- claim that is stolen/ state that it is stolen/ announce that it is stolen
- claim that it is broken/ complain that it is broken/ criticise it for being broken
- mention his interest/ declare his interest
- comment on his proposal/ remark on his proposal
- mention expenses/ touch on expenses
- suggest problems/ imply problems/ give the impression of problems
- insist on good time keeping/ stress good time keeping
- emphasise his suitability/ stress his suitability
- maintain his opinion/ confirm his opinion
- he says that it is suitable/ he said that it is suitable
- he said that he lives there/ he said that he lived there
- he said that he lived there/ he said that he had lived there
- acknowledge that something is true/ recognise that something is true
- acknowledge his guilt/ admit his guilt/ concede his guilt/ confess his guilt
- acknowledge his skill/ congratulate him on his skill/ boast of his skill
- deny having seen him/ refuse to see him
- explain the mechanism/ describe the mechanism
- It is said that he is a criminal./ He is said to be a criminal.
- It is said to be pointless./ It has been said to be pointless.
- He asked me whether I agreed to do it./ He asked me if I agreed to do it.
- advocate cuts/ support cuts/ approve of cuts/ approve cuts
- He advocated more funding./ He argued for more funding.

- He agreed to meet her./ He agreed with meeting her.
- He disagreed with investing./ He objected to investing./ He refused to invest.
- They disputed over the investment./ They disagreed with the investment.
- We discussed the topic./ We debated the topic.
- We asked about prices./ We enquired about prices.
- I checked whether he was coming./ I confirmed that he was coming.
- We forecast a blip./ We predict a blip./ We project a blip.
- We forecasted a rebound./ We speculated about a rebound.
- I have been ordered to press the button./ I have been commanded to press the button.
- I was commanded to come/ I was instructed to come/ I was reminded to come
- I was promised a 10% profit./ I was guaranteed a 10% profit
- I was accused of the crime./ I was blamed for the crime.
- allege that he did it/ accuse him of doing it
- warn him about violence/ threaten him with violence/ discourage using violence
- suggest using the subway/ recommend using the subway/ propose using the subway
- invite him to come/ urge him to come
- bring up the weakness/ point out the weakness/ bring the weakness to our attention
- indicate the leak/ refer to the leak
- persuade him to retire/ reassure him about retirement