

# Modaux avancés et discours rapporté

Le discours rapporté (\*reported speech\*) fait reculer les temps verbaux. Cela s'applique aussi aux verbes modaux.

## 1. Rappel

- Direct : He said: "I can help you." - Reported : He said (that) he **could** help me.

## 2. Modaux qui changent

- **can → could**
  1. "I can swim." → She said she **could** swim.
- **may → might**
  1. "You may enter." → He said I **might** enter.
- **shall → should / would**
  1. "I shall return." → He said he **would** return.
- **will → would**
  1. "I will help you." → She said she **would** help me.
- **must → had to** (obligation)
  1. "I must leave." → He said he **had to** leave.

## 3. Modaux qui ne changent pas

Certains modaux restent identiques :

- could, might, should, would, ought to, had better

Exemple : - "I could finish it tomorrow." → She said she **could** finish it the next day.

## 4. Cas particuliers

### Must

- Obligation → must → had to
  1. "I must go now." → He said he **had to** go then.
- Déduction → must reste must
  1. "She must be tired." → He said she **must** be tired.

### May

- Possibilité → may → might
- Permission → may → could / was allowed to

### Shall

- Intention → shall → would
- Obligation formelle → shall → should

## 5. Expressions temporelles

Les marqueurs de temps changent aussi :

- now → then
- today → that day
- tomorrow → the next day
- yesterday → the previous day

Exemple : - "I will see you tomorrow." → She said she **would** see me the next day.

## 6. Exemples récapitulatifs

- "I can drive you home." → He said he **could** drive me home.
- "I may join you." → She said she **might** join us.
- "I must study tonight." → He said he **had to** study that night.
- "He must be tired." → She said he **must** be tired.
- "I will call you." → He said he **would** call me.

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