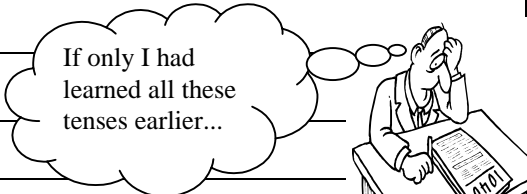


Indirect Speech: Backshift of Tenses

Past Perfect	Past	Present Perfect	Present
After I <u>had cleaned</u> my bike I drank some coffee.	When I <u>was</u> young I <u>cleaned</u> my bike every day.	I <u>have</u> just <u>finished</u> cleaning my bike.	I always <u>clean</u> my bike on Saturdays.
John said that...			
... after he <u>had cleaned</u> his bike he ...			
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... he <u>had</u> just <u>finished</u> cleaning his bike.	... he always <u>cleaned</u> his bike on Saturdays.		

will-future → conditional I:

can → could:

may → might:

conditional I → keine Änderung:

could / might → keine Änderung:

“I **will leave** school at the end of the year.” →

“I hope I **can** get a job at a bank.” →

“Finding work **may** be difficult.” →

“I **wouldn’t give** up tennis.” →

“I **could** come to your party, but I don’t want to!” →

He said that he **would leave** school at the end of the year.

He said that he hoped he **could** get a job.

He said that finding work **might** be difficult.

He said that he **wouldn’t give** up tennis.

He said that he **could** come to my party but he didn’t want to.

today → **that** day

tonight → **that** night

this week → **that** week

this year → **that** year

yesterday → the day **before**

last Friday → the Friday **before**

last month → the month **before**

two days **ago** → two days **before**

tomorrow → **the next** day / **the following** day

next year → **the next** year / **the following** year