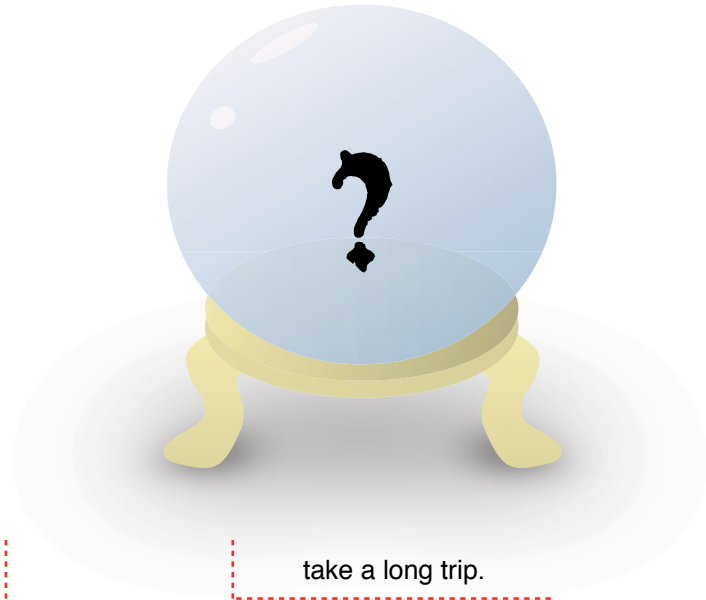


# The Fortune Teller

**A:** Relax, place your hands on the table and breath deep.  
**B:** Like this? Ok.  
**A:** Why are you here?  
**B:** I want to know about my future.  
**A:** I see. Let me look at your hands. Hmmm. Very interesting.  
**B:** What? What do you see?  
**A:** You are going to take a long trip.  
**B:** Wow! What else?  
**A:** You will probably meet someone very interesting.  
**B:** Wow! That's so cool!



|                 |                        |            |                  |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------------|
| You're going to | take a long trip.      | She said   | I was going to   | take a long trip.      |
|                 | meet someone.          |            |                  | meet someone.          |
|                 | have a good job.       |            |                  | have a good job.       |
| You'll probably | have fun.              | He told me | I would probably | have fun.              |
|                 | be very happy.         |            |                  | be very happy.         |
|                 | make a lot of friends. |            |                  | make a lot of friends. |

I'm going to make dinner.

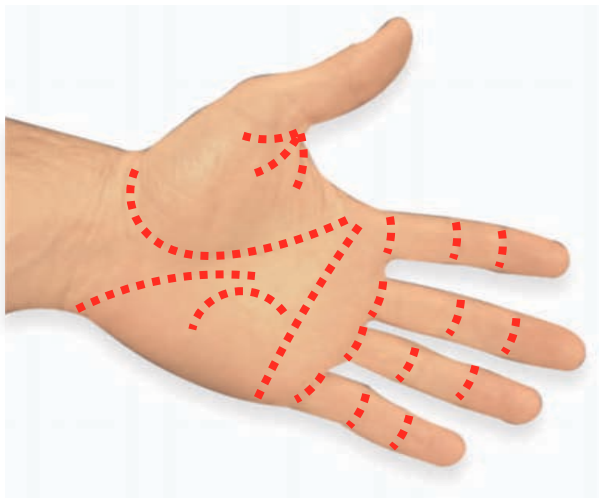
She said she was going to work late.

You're going to like that restaurant.

She said she would probably buy a new phone.

You'll have a great time.

He told me he would probably be late.



**A:** Have you ever been to a fortune teller?  
**B:** No. I don't believe in that kind of thing. Why?  
**A:** Well I went to a palm reader last week.  
**B:** Yeah? So what did she say?  
**A:** She said I was going to take a long trip.  
**B:** Oh yeah. Where?  
**A:** She didn't say where. But she said I would probably meet someone very interesting.  
**B:** Did she give you any more details?  
**A:** No.  
**B:** I'm not surprised.

## Using the worksheet

The key pattern here is changing a future sentence to a reported sentence.

**You're going to have a great time. - She said I was going to have a great time.**

It's easy to do if you look out for two key points:

1. Maintain balance. Past on the left equals past on the right. SO if you see "**said**" on the left it balances with something on the right.

In conversation people don't always really say that. There are times where it's fine not to say it but it's ALWAYS correct if you have it balanced so that's what I teach.

2. Watch out for who said what about who.

EX: **Boss: You are in trouble.**

**A:** My boss said you were in trouble.

**B:** Me?! I don't know your boss. I don't work at your company! Why am I in trouble?

The person being talked about has to be clear.

**A:** My boss said I was in trouble.

**B:** Oh! That's too bad.

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