

## A2.41.2 Estilo indirecto con pretéritos simples

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Use reported speech with past tenses to tell what someone said in the past.

1. Verbs like *decir*, *recordar*, *preguntar* are used to form reported speech.

### Estilo Directo (Direct speech)

Juan: "Me gusta **negociar** la oferta." (Juan: "I like negotiating the offer.")

Ana: "Creo que la **oferta** es positiva." (Ana: "I think the offer is positive.")

Pedro: "¿**Vas a rechazar** la contraoferta?" (Pedro: "Are you going to reject the counteroffer?")

Eva: "Sin duda, la oferta **es** excelente." (Eva: "Without a doubt, the offer is excellent.")

### Estilo Indirecto (Reported speech)

Juan me **dijo** que le **gustaba** negociar la oferta. (Juan told me that he liked negotiating the offer.)

Ana me **dijo** que **creía** que la oferta era positiva. (Ana told me that she thought the offer was positive.)

Pedro me **preguntó** si **iba a rechazar** la contraoferta. (Pedro asked me if I was going to reject the counteroffer.)

Eva me **dijo** que, sin duda, la oferta **era** excelente. (Eva told me that, without a doubt, the offer was excellent.)

## 1. Translate and choose the correct answer

- Ayer, el jefe me dijo que la contraoferta \_\_\_\_\_ negativa. (Yesterday, the boss told me that the counteroffer was negative.)  
a. fue      b. estaba      c. era      d. es
- En la reunión, Ana me dijo que \_\_\_\_\_ que el resultado era positivo. (In the meeting, Ana told me that she thought the result was positive.)  
a. creyó      b. cree      c. creer      d. creía
- Pedro me preguntó si \_\_\_\_\_ a rechazar la oferta. (Pedro asked me if I was going to reject the offer.)  
a. fui      b. voy      c. iba      d. iré
- La clienta dijo que \_\_\_\_\_ gustaba negociar la condición. (The client said that she liked negotiating the condition.)  
a. lo      b. le      c. les      d. me

1. era 2. creía 3. iba 4. le