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Episode #26 - Exercises

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I said no!
Я сказал нет!

How would your mom say:
I said no!
Я сказала нет.

Try saying:
Andrei said hi.
Андрей сказал привет.

Svetlana said thank you.
Светлана сказала спасибо.

Try this:
How would a guy say:
I was talking with Vadim.
Я говорил с Вадимом.

He said no.
Он сказал нет.

How would a woman say:
I was talking with Karina.
Я говорила с Мариной.

She said yes.
Она сказала да.

Ask your friend Jim,
What did you say?
Что ты сказал?

Now ask the same question to your friend Olga.
Что ты сказала?

Now, how would you ask that to your boss?
Что Вы сказали?

Try saying: She said that she doesn't want pizza.
Она сказала что она не хочет пиццу.

Try saying:
He said that he doesn't want beer.
Он сказал что он не хочет пиво.

How would a guy say:
I said that I don't like to dance.
Я сказал что мне не нравится танцевать.

How would a girl say:
I said that I don't want to eat.

Я сказала что я не хочу кушать.

Imagine this scenario. Your boss says...

I want to eat.

Я хочу кушать.

So you rush out and buy him some Chinese takeout. But when you deliver it to him, he pushes it away, saying, Нет, спасибо.

Now how would you say...

But you said that you want to eat.

Но Вы сказали что Вы хотите кушать.

Imagine you just got off the phone with Greg, who said he doesn't want a salad.

Try saying..

I was talking with Greg.

Я говорил с Грегом.

Of course, if you're a woman you'd say:

Я говорила с Грегом.

Now say:

He said he doesn't want a salad.

Он сказал что он не хочет салат.

Imagine you come home and see that your wife has cooked you a big mound of Russian pancakes. Not being hungry, though, you decline. So she says....

You said that you like pancakes.

Ты сказал что тебе нравятся блины.

With just two words, tell her...

Yes, I said

Да, сказал.

With three words, add:

But I don't want.

Но не хочу.

You bought a big jar of caviar, thinking you wife would like it when she comes home. And yet, she doesn't want any. Tell her...

You said that you like caviar.
Ты сказала что тебе нравится икра.

How will she say:
Yes, I said. But I don't want.
Да, сказала. Но не хочу.

Imagine this scenario: You're in a cafe with your buddy to have a few beers. You head off to the bathroom, and when you come back, you see that he's drinking coffee instead of beer. Tell him...

You said that you will have a beer.
Ты сказал что ты будешь пиво.

How would he say:
I wanted Heineken.
Я хотел Хайнекен.

Try saying:
She wanted pasta.
Она хотела пасту.

Imagine you're in the kitchen with your friend, eating pizza. Thinking that your wife upstairs might want a slice, you take one and bring it to her. But then you come back holding the slice of pizza and you explain to your friend:

She said that she didn't want.
Она сказала что не хотела.

You could've used six words, by saying "she" twice, like this:
She said that she not want.
Она сказала что она не хотела.

Imagine your friend's phone rings. It's her dad. A minute later she hangs up.
In three words, ask:
What did he want?
Что он хотел?

Ask:
What did he say?
Что он сказал?

Try saying:

She said she wants coffee with milk.

Она сказала что она хочет кофе с молоком.

You'll use this construction a lot whenever you're having to translate for people. Imagine you're in Russia with a friend who doesn't speak Russian. Any time he tries to communicate, you'll have to translate for him, and you'll often frame things with that construction. *He said that....whatever.*

Try saying:

Jeff said that he wants to eat.

Джэфф сказал что он хочет кушать.

Maria said that she doesn't want pig fat.

Мария сказала что она не хочет сало.

Abbott said that he wants to dance.

Аббот сказал что он хочет танцевать.