

REPORTED SPEECH

Exercise 1

Rewrite the sentences in reported speech, as in the example

1. "There is no one at home", he said.

He said (that) there was no one at home.

2. "Mr and Mrs Wilson have gone on holiday," Mr Bradley says.

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3. "I'm going to the dentist now," said Lyn.

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4. "Jamie has never seen a dolphin before," John said.

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5. "I will order a pizza," he said. (up-to-date reporting)

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6. "The sun rises in the east," the teacher said

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7. "There was a good documentary on TV yesterday," Gregory said.

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8. "It's always hot at this time of year," she said.

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9. "I have a headache", she said to me.

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10. "There is a bus strike tomorrow," he said. (up-to-date reporting)

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11. "I'm going to the airport to pick up James," he said.

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12. "I got an A in my History exam yesterday," she said to me.

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13. "I've just come back from the museum," she said to me. (up-to-date reporting)

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14. "The parade will start from here tomorrow." Jack said.

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Exercise 2

Turn the following sentences into reported speech using the appropriate introductory verbs.

1. My brother said to me, "Could you help me with my Science project?"

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2. My sister said, "You wore my dress without asking me!"

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3. She said to me, "Don't forget to call John".

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4. Rick said to Susan, "Yes, I'll pick you up at the station."

5. She said, "I really will call you as soon as I arrive."

6. He said to his mother, "No I didn't tidy my room."

7. He said, "shall I make you something to eat?"

8. She said to her daughter, "No I won't buy you such an expensive watch."

9. "You are always playing music late at night" Mr Smith said to Tom.

10. "I'm sorry I couldn't come to your wedding," Mary said to Jane.

Exercise 3

Turn the following questions from direct into reported speech, as in the example.

1. "Who broke the window?" the teacher asked the students.

The teacher asked the students who had broken the window.....

2. "Where are you going for holidays this year?" Kate asked me.

3. "What time is the wedding?" Helen asked.

4. "Did you go to the party last night?" Jill asked.

5. "Why are you laughing?" Phillip asked.

6. "How long does it take you to walk home from here?" Peter asked.

7. "Will you lend me some money?" Lesley asked Sara.

8. "Who is that man?" the old lady asked her husband.

9. "Why did they miss their flight to Canada?" Paul asked.

10. "When will you visit your parents?" Sheila asked me.