

REPORTED SPEECH - EXERCISES

I. Backshift:

Rewrite the sentences in reported speech. Change pronouns and time expressions where necessary.

1. She said, "I am reading."
→ She said that
2. They said, "We are busy."
→ They said that
3. He said, "I know a better restaurant."
→ He said that
4. She said, "I woke up early."
→ She said that
5. He said, "I will ring her."
→ He said that
6. They said, "We have just arrived."
→ They said that
7. He said, "I will clean the car."
→ He said that
8. She said, "I did not say that."
→ She said that
9. She said, "I don't know where my shoes are."
→ She said that
10. He said: "I won't tell anyone."
→ He said that

II. Backshift and Place expressions:

Rewrite the sentences in reported speech. Change pronouns and expressions of time and place where necessary.

1. They said, "This is our book."
→ They said
2. She said, "I went to the cinema yesterday."
→ She said
3. He said, "I am writing a test tomorrow."
→ He said
4. You said, "I will do this for him."
→ You said
5. She said, "I am not hungry now."
→ She said
6. They said, "We have never been here before."
→ They said
7. They said, "We were in London last week."
→ They said
8. He said, "I will have finished this paper by tomorrow."
→ He said
9. He said, "They won't sleep."
→ He said
10. She said, "It is very quiet here."
→ She said