

12 Grammar test

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1 What did the people say? Change the reported speech sentences into direct speech.

- 1 Dr Jones said that he would finish at 5 p.m.
- 2 Mrs Dean asked if she could change the appointment.
- 3 I enquired when the clinic would start.
- 4 The caller said her child was very sick.
- 5 The nurse asked how I got there on my own.
- 6 The receptionist asked what the patient's hospital number was.
- 7 He said he had had the illness once before.
- 8 The doctor asked if I had ever had the illness before.
- 9 The patient said that the problem had been getting worse.
- 10 The consultant said he would come immediately.

2 Change the direct speech sentences into reported speech. Pay particular attention to the verbs.

- 1 'I don't want to stay in the hospital overnight,' said Mr Harmen.
- 2 'Why didn't you come sooner?' the nurse asked the patient.
- 3 'I'll book you another appointment,' said the receptionist.
- 4 'I haven't slept very well for several nights,' said Mr Connor.
- 5 'When did you last have a drink?' the nurse asked me.
- 6 'I want to get up for a while,' said the patient.
- 7 'I didn't bring any bed clothes with me,' said Mrs James.
- 8 'How has the wound healed?' the doctor asked.

3 Change the direct speech sentences into reported speech. Pay particular attention to the adverbs of time and the pronouns.

- 1 'My wife had her operation yesterday,' said Mr Aitkin.
- 2 'I am leaving hospital this afternoon,' said the patient.
- 3 'Take the tablets until tomorrow evening,' said the nurse to Mrs Gonzalez.
- 4 'When did you first feel the pain in your left arm, Mr Jones?' asked Dr Clarke.
- 5 'You can book the appointment for tomorrow,' said the consultant to Miss Downs.
- 6 'We can do the procedure now,' said Dr Brandt.
- 7 'Can you do the test today?' the doctor asked the phlebotomist.
- 8 'Why can't I have the operation this morning?' asked Mrs Patel.