

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence.

1. The teacher asked the students what they had _____ through the telescope.
a) observe b) observed c) observed d) observing
2. She asked me if _____ liquid water on Uranus.
a) is there b) there was c) was there d) there is
3. He wanted to know _____ I had seen a bright star before.
a) whether b) what c) where d) that
4. Mai asked the scientist how _____ to repair the spaceship.
a) long it would take b) long would it take c) would it take long d) long it would take
5. They wondered _____ the atmosphere on Neptune was thick or thin.
a) that b) whether c) unless d) what
6. I asked him which planet _____ the most habitable.
a) was b) is c) was d) it was
7. The commander asked the astronaut _____ he was ready to explore the surface.
a) where b) what c) if d) that
8. We wanted to know why the aliens _____ to take over Earth.
a) try b) have tired c) had tried d) did try
9. Nick asked Mai _____ she liked reading thrilling science fiction books.
a) what b) how c) who d) if
10. The boy asked his father what _____ look like.
a) do imaginary creatures b) imaginary creatures c) did imaginary creatures d) imaginary creatures
creatures did creatures do

Exercise 2: Fill in the blanks with a suitable question word, "if", or "whether".

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1. "Where can we find a trace of life?"
→ They asked _____ they could find a trace of life.
2. "Is gravity different on Uranus?"
→ He asked _____ gravity was different on Uranus.
3. "What did you observe through the telescope?"
→ She asked me _____ I had observed through the telescope.
4. "Are you the commander of this ship?"
→ The alien asked him _____ he was the commander of that ship.
5. "How do astronauts sleep in outer space?"
→ The boy wondered _____ astronauts slept in outer space.

6. "Who promised to destroy the asteroid?"
→ We wanted to know _____ had promised to destroy the asteroid.
7. "Will we live on a habitable planet?"
→ They wondered _____ we would live on a habitable planet.
8. "Why is the possibility of rain so low?"
→ The scientist asked _____ the possibility of rain was so low.
9. "When does the spaceship take off?"
→ I asked _____ the spaceship took off.
10. "Do the creatures oppose the invasion?"
→ She asked _____ the creatures opposed the invasion.

Exercise 3: Match the direct speech sentences (1-5) with their reported speech versions (a-e).

1. "I'm checking the connection."	a. He said he would check the connection.	a.
2. "I check the connection every day."	b. He said he could check the connection.	b.
3. "I will check the connection."	c. He said he was checking the connection.	c.
4. "I checked the connection."	d. He said he checked the connection every day.	d.
5. "I can check the connection."	e. He said he had checked the connection.	e.

Exercise 4: Select the correct conversion for the words in bold from direct speech.

1. "I am fixing the computer **now**," said Dad.
→ Dad said he was fixing the computer _____.
a) now b) then c) today d) at the moment
2. "We will meet **here**," said Mai.
→ Mai said they would meet _____.
a) here b) there c) that place d) this place
3. "I bought this laptop **yesterday**," he said.
→ He said he had bought that laptop _____.
a) yesterday b) tomorrow c) the day before d) the next day
4. "I will submit my assignment **tomorrow**," she said.
→ She said she would submit her assignment _____.
a) tomorrow b) yesterday c) the following day d) that day
5. "We are discussing the project **this week**," they said.
→ They said they were discussing the project _____.
a) this week b) that week c) next week d) the week after
6. "I have an online class **today**," Minh said.
→ Minh said he had an online class _____.
a) today b) now c) the day before d) that day
7. "I saw this invention **two days ago**," he said.
→ He said he had seen that invention two days _____.

Exercise 5: Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence involving reported speech:

1. She said (that) she _____ scientific experiments at school.
a) loves b) will love c) loved d) has loved
2. Nam said he _____ a robot teacher in the future.
a) will want b) wants c) has wanted d) would want
3. They told me they _____ a new application then.
a) were developing b) are developing c) develop d) developed
4. Tom said he _____ his essay on biometrics the day before.
a) finishes b) has finished c) had finished d) will finish
5. The teacher said that we _____ face recognition technology the following year.
a) use b) would use c) will use d) used
6. Lan said she _____ face-to-face learning to online classes.
a) prefers b) preferred c) has preferred d) will prefer
7. He mentioned that he _____ to buy a fingerprint scanner.
a) was planning b) is planning c) plans d) will plan
8. My father said he _____ solve the problem with the Internet connection.
a) can b) could c) will d) may
9. The scientist declared that he _____ a cure for the epidemic.
a) finds b) will find c) had found d) is finding
10. She said she _____ wait for the new eye-tracking device.
a) can't b) couldn't c) won't d) doesn't