Exercises

47.1 **You talked to some friends of yours (Paul, Tom, Anna etc.). Read what they said on the left (direct speech). Later (the same day) you tell another friend what they said (reported speech). Complete the sentences.**

	direct speech	*reported speech*
1 YOU: Are you going to work today, Paul? PAUL: No, I'm feeling ill.		Paul didn't go to work today. He said *he was feeling* ill.
2 YOU: Shall we walk to the station? TOM: No, it's too far. Let's get a taxi.		I wanted to walk to the station, but Tom said ..... far.
3 YOU: Have you been invited to the party? ANNA: Yes, but I don't want to go.		Anna has been invited to the party but she told me ..... to go.
4 YOU: When are you going away, Dan? DAN: I'll let you know next week.		I asked Dan about his travel plans. He said ..... next week.
5 YOU: Do you ever see Rachel these days? BEN: I haven't seen her for a while.		I asked Ben about Rachel, but he told me ..... for a while.
6 YOU: Where can I borrow a guitar? KATE: You can borrow mine.		I needed to borrow a guitar and Kate said ..... .
7 YOU: How's your job, Sue? SUE: I'm not enjoying it very much.		I asked Sue about her job. She said ..... very much.
8 YOU: Do you still have your car? JAMES: No, I sold it a few months ago.		I asked James about his car. He told me ..... a few months ago.
9 YOU: What's the name of the cafe we went to? SARAH: I don't know.		I asked Sarah the name of the cafe we went to but she said ..... .
10 YOU: How many students are there in your class, Amy? AMY: Twenty.		I asked Amy about her school and she told me .... class.

47.2 **Somebody says something to you which is not what you expected. Use your own ideas to complete your answers.**

1 A: It's quite a long way from the hotel to the city centre.
B: Is it? The man on the reception desk said *it was only five minutes' walk*.
2 A: Sue is coming to the party tonight.
B: Is she? I saw her a few days ago and she said she ..... .
3 A: Sarah gets on fine with Paul.
B: Does she? Last week you said ..... each other.
4 A: Joe knows lots of people.
B: That's not what he told me. He said ..... anyone.
5 A: Jane will be here next week.
B: Oh, really? When I spoke to her, she said ..... away.
6 A: I'm going out tonight.
B: Are you? I thought you said ..... at home.
7 A: I speak French quite well.
B: Do you? But earlier you said ..... any other languages.
8 A: I haven't seen Ben recently.
B: That's strange. He told me ..... last weekend.

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