SMART STEP
ASSOCIATES

UNIT 40 – WORKSHEET
DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPEECH

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TASK A. Change the following sentences (Present simple) into indirect speech:

1. "I live in New York" She said _____
2. "He works in a bank" She told me _____
3. "Julie doesn't like going out much" She said _____
4. "I don't have a computer" She said _____
5. "They never arrive on time" She said _____
6. "David doesn't have any children" She said _____
7. "I don't go to the gym very often" She said _____
8. "I never get up early on Sundays" She said _____

TASK B. Change the following sentences (Present Progressive) into indirect speech:

1. "I'm sleeping" She told me _____
2. "We're working" She told me _____
3. "She's coming to the party" She told me _____
4. "He's talking on the telephone" She told me _____
5. "Lucy is reading a book in front of the fire" She told me _____
6. "I'm not going out" She said _____
7. "We are not visiting Paris during our trip" She said _____
8. "I'm listening to my new CD" She said _____

TASK C. Change the following sentences (Past Simple) into indirect speech:

1. "I went to the cinema yesterday" She said _____
2. "Jane left the party early." She told me _____
3. "I didn't go out at the weekend." She said _____
4. "He didn't like chocolate as a child." She said _____
5. "They visited Japan." She said _____
6. "She didn't buy the dress." He told me _____
7. "I travelled through India and Pakistan." She told me _____
8. "He met his girlfriend in a café." She said _____

TASK D. Change the following sentences (Present Perfect) into indirect speech:

1. ***"I've never been to Brazil."*** She said _____
2. ***"She has visited Paris three times."*** She said _____
3. ***"He has read 'War and Peace'."*** She said _____
4. ***"I haven't seen Julie for ages."*** She said _____
5. ***"He hasn't been to school this week."*** She said _____
6. ***"We haven't seen 'The Lord of the Rings'."*** She said _____
7. ***"They've eaten in a lot of different restaurants."*** She said _____
10. ***"Mr Black has written three books."*** She said _____

TASK E. Write 'said' or 'told' :

1. Julie _____ that she would join us after work.

2. She _____ me that she was going running this evening.

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3. John _____ us that he couldn't come to the party.
4. John _____ that he had been to the cinema at the weekend.
5. She _____ them she wanted to quit.
6. David _____ he was going to arrive at eight.
7. They _____ that they didn't want to meet us on Tuesday.
8. I _____ him I wasn't impressed.
9. Lucy _____ Julie that she was leaving on Wednesday.
10. We _____ that we were going on holiday the following week.
11. Jack _____ my mother he would be in Spain this week.
12. I _____ that I hated mushrooms.
13. She _____ she loved chocolate.
14. They _____ they were meeting Luke today.
15. They _____ us they were going to the museum this afternoon.
16. He _____ he wouldn't start without us.
17. I _____ them I'd bring pudding.
18. Jonathan _____ it would rain today.
19. They _____ us that it was fine to come late.
20. The boss _____ me that I should do some more work on this report.

TASK G. Change the following sentences into indirect speech:

1. "Please help me carry this" She asked me _____
2. "Please come early" She _____
3. "Please buy some milk" She _____
4. "Could you please open the window?" She _____
5. "Could you bring the book tonight?" She _____
6. "Can you help me with my homework, please?" She _____
7. "Would you bring me a cup of coffee, please?" She _____
8. "Would you mind passing the salt?" She _____
9. "Would you mind lending me a pencil?" She _____
10. "Don't be late!" She _____

TASK H. Change the direct speech into indirect speech. Choose the past simple of 'ask', 'say' or 'tell':

1. "Come quickly!" She _____
2. "Did you arrive before seven?" She _____
3. "How was your holiday?" She _____
4. "I would have visited the hospital, if I had known you were sick" She _____
5. "Don't touch!" She _____
6. "Do you usually cook at home?" She _____
7. "They had never been to Scotland until last year" She _____
8. "Make sure you arrive early!" She _____
9. "I should have studied harder for the exam" She _____
10. "Would you mind telling me how to get to the art gallery, please?" She _____
11. "Please don't forget my book" She _____
12. "Make sure you arrive at six!" She _____
13. "Remember to study hard!" She _____
14. "Where do you want to eat tonight?" She _____
15. "I usually drink coffee in the mornings" She _____
16. "Do you like studying English?" She _____
17. "I'll come and help you on Saturday" She _____
18. "Please buy some bread on your way home" She _____

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