Practice

EXERCISE 1. Write the reported speech for these commands or requests. Use the reporting verbs TOLD or ASKED.

1. 'Don't eat all that chocolate,' said Jenny to her sister.

2. 'Please lend me your pen for a moment,' I said to Mary.

3. 'Hide in here and be quiet,' said the policeman.

4. 'Don't throw your rubbish in the streets,' said our teacher.

5. 'Please help me across the road,' said the old lady.

6. 'Don't drink any milk today,' said the doctor to Jenny.

7. 'Get out of my way,' he said.

8. 'Please pay at the desk,' said the assistant to the customer.

9. 'Don't lie on my bed,' said my brother.

10. 'Open your bag, please,' said the store detective to the girl.

EXERCISE 2. Put the following into reported speech. Use the past tense of the reporting verbs in brackets.

1. 'Would you like to have lunch with me on Sunday?' he said to me. (**invited**)

2. 'Would you like a cup of tea?' Jane said to John, (**offered**)

3. Will you help me, please?' she said to me. (**asked**)

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4. 'If I were you I wouldn't buy that coat,' Angela said (**advised**)

5. 'Why don't we discuss it over a coffee?' Tom said (**suggested**)

6. 'I'll lend you some money,' Debbie said (**promised**)

7. 'Remember to switch off the lights,' my mother said (**reminded**)

8. 'Take these letters to the post, will you?' said the boss to his secretary (**told**)

9. 'Don't touch that wire, Mary!' I said (**warned**)

10. 'Would you mind moving your car?' he said (**asked**)

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