Reported speech

Dialogues found in the worksheet « ***Negotiating for a better price*** »

Student A (you start)

Shopping for vegetables:

Martha asked Cullen _____ the apples _____ *(price?)*. He replied that _____ $2.50 a pound. Martha thought the bananas _____ too expensive as she _____ some bananas for only $1.50 the previous day. Cullen explained that the prices _____ (⬆️) and that he _____ charge more *(obligation)* even though _____ a regular customer. She finally agreed _____ $1.75.

Turning away

Ginna asked Vinnie _____*how much*_____ he ___*was asking*_____ for his car *(price?)*
He answered that he _____*was asking*_____ twenty-five thousand dollars. He said he ___*was*__ only ____*selling*_____ it because he ___*was getting*_____ married. He told Ginna he __*couldn't sell*__ it *(not possible!)* for fifteen thousand because the tires ____*were*____ brand new and everything in it ____*was*___ original, but he said he ____*would* ___ let it go for twenty-three thousand.
Ginna then insisted that she ___*didn't want*____ to pay that much, but she promised that she ___*would pay*___ cash if he agreed ___*to let*__ it go for twenty-one thousand.

Closing the deal:

Vinnie accepted her offer and asked _____ the money on her. She replied that she _____ go to the bank *(obligation)* and that she _____ back in a few moments. Vinnie said he _____ get the papers so that they _____ sign. Ginna wanted to know _____ an extra set of keys and added that her husband _____ to love the car!

Bargaining a better price for a house

Student B tells the story using some reported speech. Here is what he could say:

Duke asked how much the owners/they wanted for the house.
John told him that they were asking for two hundred thousand dollars and explained that the house had just been refurbished.
Duke said he didn't think he would go any higher than seven hundred and seventy thousand and asked Duke/him to talk to the owner.
John said he would talk to him but that was way below what he expected.
Duke asked him to call him when he knew something.

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STUDENT B: (student A starts)

Shopping for vegetables:

Martha asked Cullen ____*how much*____ the apples ____*were/cost*____ *(price?)*.
He replied that ____*they were/cost*_____ $2.50 a pound. Martha thought the bananas ____*were*____ too expensive as she ____*had bought*_____ some bananas for only $1.50 the previous day. Cullen explained that the prices ____*had gone up*_____ (⬆️) and that he ____*had to*____ charge more *(obligation)* even though _____*she was*_____ a regular customer.
She finally agreed ____*to pay* _____ $1.75.

Turning away

Ginna asked Vinnie _____ he _____ for his car *(price?)*
He answered that he _____ twenty-five thousand dollars. He said he _____ only _____ it because he _____ married. He told Ginna he _____ it *(not possible!)* for fifteen thousand because the tires _____ brand new and everything in it _____ original, he _____ let it go for twenty-three thousand.
Ginna then insisted that she _____ to pay that much, but she promised that she _____ cash if he agreed _____- it go for twenty-one thousand.

Closing the deal:

Vinnie accepted her offer and asked ____*if she had*_____ the money on her. She replied that she __*had to*__ go to the bank *(obligation)* and that she ___*would be*____ back in a few moments. Vinnie said he ___*would get*_____ get the papers so that they ___*could*_____ sign. Ginna wanted to know ___*if he had*___ an extra set of keys and added that her husband ____*was going* ____ to love the car!

Bargaining a better price for a house

You tell the story using some reported speech. Student A has a list of sentences you could say.

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