

## REPORTED SPEECH

### I. Put the following sentences into indirect speech:

1. The pupils said to their teacher "Please give us better marks"

The pupils asked \_\_\_\_\_

2. "Don't come back before one o'clock" advised my brother

My brother advised \_\_\_\_\_

3. "Cook it in butter" Mrs. Brown said to her daughter

Mrs. Brown told \_\_\_\_\_

4. "Don't forget to send your parents my regards" She said to me

She told me \_\_\_\_\_

5. John said "I have finished studying my lesson"

John said \_\_\_\_\_

6. Johnny said to his mother: "I don't know how to do this exercise"

Johnny said \_\_\_\_\_

7. Mary said "I can't go to the movies with you, John"

Mary said \_\_\_\_\_

8. "We are waiting for the school bus" said the children

The children said \_\_\_\_\_

9. My friend said "Are you going to leave tomorrow?"

My friend asked \_\_\_\_\_

10. "Did you phone me yesterday?" Tom asked Mary

Tom asked \_\_\_\_\_

11. I asked the policeman "Do you know how far it is to the station?"

I asked \_\_\_\_\_

12. I asked Bill "What time did you go to bed last night?"

I asked \_\_\_\_\_

13. The traveller asked "How long does it take to get to London?"

The traveller asked \_\_\_\_\_

14. He asked me "Why didn't you come to class yesterday?"

He asked \_\_\_\_\_

15. The teacher asked "Which book are you taking, John?"

The teacher asked \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Rewrite the second sentence in such a way that it has the same meaning as the one before it:

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1. "Can I have a new bicycle?" said Ann to her mother

Ann asked \_\_\_\_\_

2. "Where has he been?" She doesn't know that

She doesn't know \_\_\_\_\_

3. "I'm sorry that I broke the glass", said Peter

Peter apologised \_\_\_\_\_

4. The doctor told him that he worked too hard

"You \_\_\_\_\_

5. "Keep away from the sea", said the security guard, when we approached the fence

The security guard told \_\_\_\_\_

6. She wanted to know if he had studied French

She asked him: \_\_\_\_\_

7. "Bring your swimming things in case it's sunny

He told \_\_\_\_\_

8. "You should take science appreciation courses at school"

The lady – researcher advised us \_\_\_\_\_

9. "How many students are there in your class?"

The man asked me \_\_\_\_\_

10. "You should take more exercise, Mr Rogers", the doctor said, "if you want to lose weight"

The doctor advised \_\_\_\_\_

11. She asked John how he liked her new dress

"How \_\_\_\_\_

12. "How long has it been since you left this city, Bob?"

He wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_

13. "Why didn't I get a computer before?", thought the officer manager

The officer manager wondered \_\_\_\_\_

14. "Please don't drive so fast" Ann begged her boyfriend

Ann pleaded \_\_\_\_\_

15. "John, please don't tell anyone my new address", said Mary

Mary asked \_\_\_\_\_

16. "Where is the station car-park?" Mrs. Smith asked

Mrs. Smith asked \_\_\_\_\_

17. "How old is your little boy?" said the nurse to Mrs. Bingley

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The nurse asked \_\_\_\_\_

18. "I think you should go by train" He told us

He advised us \_\_\_\_\_

19. "How many stars are there in the sky?"

No one knows \_\_\_\_\_

20. The boy said to his sister "Have you ever read a book on space flights?"

The boy asked \_\_\_\_\_

21. "Do you want to insure your luggage or not?"

The travel agent asked \_\_\_\_\_

22. "Please turn up the volume, Nga" said her grandmother

Nga's grandmother asked \_\_\_\_\_

23. "What are you doing?" She asked me

She asked \_\_\_\_\_

24. "Can you speak English?" Mr. Brown asked

Mr. Brown asked \_\_\_\_\_

25. "What do you usually do in your free time?" the examiner asked

The examiner asked \_\_\_\_\_