

WORKSHEET 26

SUBJECT: *Reported Speech*

A) Change the following sentences from DIRECT to INDIRECT SPEECH:

1. He said, "*I will be here at noon.*"

He said that he would be here at noon.

2. Mary said, "The train will probably arrive on time."

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3. He said, "I have to finish this report by five o'clock."

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4. The doctor said, "Mr. Smith will improve quickly."

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5. William said to me, "I am leaving in the morning."

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6. The teacher said, "Everyone has to write a composition."

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7. John said, "I saw that movie on Wednesday."

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8. Helen said, "I have read that book."

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9. Mary said to John, "I cannot go to the movie with you."

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10. John said, "I have finished studying my lesson."

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11. Mary remarked, "John speaks English well."

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12. William said to me, "I will not see Mr. Jones until Tuesday."

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13. Mr. Smith said, "I will refuse their offer."

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14. John said, "I certainly hope it won't rain tomorrow."

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15. Henry said, "I can meet them later."

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16. The boy said, "I am only eight years old."

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17. She said to me, "The lights have gone out."

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18. The man said, "The telephone is out of order."

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19. He said, "I will never speak to her again."

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20. I said to the clerk clearly, "I have already paid that bill."

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B) REPORT what the guests said at a wedding last Saturday:

1. Miss Moore: "They'll make a lovely couple."

Miss Moore said (that) they would make a lovely couple.

2. Mr. Smith: "They're going to live in Brighton."

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3. Mrs.Jones: "The bride and the groom are very nice young people."

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4. Mr. Roberts: "The bride is wearing a beautiful wedding dress."

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5. Mr. Clarke: "The couple's parents look happy."

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6. Miss Mayall: "The bride's father has bought them a big flat."

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C) Write sentences about Jane's trip to Paris:

1. We're taking the nine o'clock plane.

Jane told me *they were taking the nine o'clock plane.*

2. I'll have to get up early.

She said

3. I don't really like traveling by air.

She told me

4. But it's the easiest way to travel.

But she decided

5. We're going to spend a week in Paris.

She told me

6. I want to go up the Eiffel Tower.

She said

7. We've been to Paris before.

She told me

8. But we didn't see everything.

But she said

9. I'll send you a postcard.

She said

10. But I won't write you a letter.

But she told me

11. I'm very excited!

She said

12. We'll be in Paris tomorrow!

The last thing she said was that

D) REPORT the police-officer's questions to the shop owner:

1. What's your name?

The police-officer asked him what his name was.

2. Did you see the robbers?

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3. What were they wearing?

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4. How do you think they got in?

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5. What did they take?

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6. Has this ever happened before?

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D) Turn the following dialogue into REPORTED SPEECH:

Sally: Have you applied for the job? *Sally asked Diane if she had applied for the job*

Diane: Yes, I had an interview yesterday. *Diane told her.....*

Sally: How did it go?
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Diane: Fine, but I'm wondering if I want
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the job because I will have to move
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to Manchester.
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Sally: What will you do then?
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Diane: If they offer me the job, I can't
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accept it.
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E) Write what the family said at the dinner table:

1. Mother: "Does anyone want some more potatoes?"
Mother asked if anyone wanted some more potatoes.
2. Father: "Pass me the wine, Beth."

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3. Beth: "The chicken is very nice."

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4. Grandfather: "I'm going to start my diet tomorrow."

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5. Grandmother: "Don't eat with your mouth open, Sam!"

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6. Tim: "This is the best dinner I've had!"

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7. Jean: "Is there any more salad, Mum?"

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8. Sam: "I'm very hungry because I only had a sandwich for lunch today."

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9. Helen: "What are we having for dessert, Mum?"

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10. Bob: "I don't want anything else to eat."

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F) Gavin has worked for Bisco Supermarkets for thirty years. He can still remember his job interview after leaving school and he can remember the questions that the interview

asked him:

Example: "Where do you live?"

She asked him where he lived.

"Have you worked before?"

She asked him if he had worked before.

1. "Why do you want the job?"

She asked him

2. "How did you hear about it?"

She asked him

3. "Are you fit?"

She asked him

4. "Can you work on Saturdays?"

She asked him

5. "How will you travel to work?"

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6. "Have you got a bicycle?"

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7. "How much do you expect to earn?"

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8. "When can you start?"

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G) What does the policeman want to know?

1. What's your name?

The policeman wants to know what my name is.

2. What's your job?

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3. Where do you work?

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4. Where do you live?

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5. Where were you yesterday?

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6. Why are you in London?

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7. When did you come?

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8. How did you come?

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9. Where's your ticket?

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10. Have you ever been in London?

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11. Do you know anyone in London?

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12. Were you in London last month?

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13. Are you telling the truth?

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H) Tell your family what the doctor said:

1. "You really ought to stay in bed."

He said I ought to stay in bed.

2. "But you can get up for half an hour."

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3. "You can leave here on Thursday."

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4. "You ought to take some exercise."

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5. "But you shouldn't walk too much."

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6. "You mustn't run at all."

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