

EXERCISES

1. Put in *told, said, asked, or talked*.

1. Adam.....me he felt nervous.
2. Has Emilywho she's invited to the party?
3. I..... you if you wanted a coffee.
4. The menabout football all evening.
5. So Ito the waiter, 'I think you're very rude.'
6. Elaine has.....her boyfriend she wants to split up.
7. Has Matthew.....you what he intends to do?
8. I needed an aspirin, so I.....where the nearest chemist's was.
9. I had a really interesting time and.....to lots of people.
10. Steve.....a joke, but no one laughed.
11. Whothat we now live in a global village'?
12. The security guard.....me what was in my briefcase, so I.....
him there were some papers in it.
13. When the child was in bed, his mother.....him a story.
14. When Mary left she....., 'I'll call again next week.'
15. I've left my watch at home. Could you.....me the time?
16. What is the word for someone who can.....two languages fluently?
17. I saw Peter yesterday, and he.....he was going to buy a new motorbike.
18. Can you.....the difference between butter and margarine?
19. What exactly did Jenny.....to you when you asked her about the party?
20. Sorry, could you.....up? I can't hear very well.

2. Turn from Direct speech Into Reported speech.

1. "I've finished all my work," she said.
.....*She said (that) she had finished all her work.*.....
2. "Why are you looking at me like that?" she asked him.
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3. "Don't play with matches," his mother said.
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4. "I've forgotten to bring my lunch with me," he said.
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5. "Will you be home soon?" She asked her husband.
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6. "Go to bed!" Father said to the children.
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7. "I'll clean the car tomorrow," Tim said to his father.

8. "Where have you been?" Gary asked his wife.

9. "I've been working for the same company since 1960," he said to me.

10. "Do you know Garfield?" she asked me.

3. Turn the following sentences into Reported speech.

1. "How shall I tell Tom the bad news? She said.

She asked how she should tell Tom the bad news.

2. "You must try my home-made pie," he said.

3. "Can I go home now?" he asked.

4. "May I call you by your first name?" he asked her.

5. "You can come in, but you mustn't make any noise," she said to him.

6. "What time shall we arrive In London?" he asked.

7. "She must try harder if she wants to succeed," he said.

8. "My father will be angry with me if he finds out," she said.

9. "You ought not to drive so fast," he said to her.

10. "They don't have to come if they don't feel like it," he said.

11. "You bad better speak to the manager," she said to him.

12. "I may not be able to meet you at the airport," he said to her.

4. First write the appropriate introductory verb then report the following situations.

1. "You should go to bed."

advise.....

He advised me to go to bed.

2. "Please, please don't leave me."
3. "Do it now!"
4. "No, I did not kill him."
5. "Oh, alright, I'll do the washing-up"
6. "Don't forget to take the dog out."
7. "Everybody, stand up now!"
8. "No, I will not give you my money."
9. "Could I use your phone?"
10. "I'm sorry I shouted at you."
11. "I'll punish you if you don't behave."
12. "It was me who stole the book."
13. "It only works if you press the green button."
14. "You're right. It was a brilliant film."
15. "I've been feeling dizzy all day."
16. "Of course I'll write to you."
17. "I'll give you a lift home, if you like."
18. "Let's go for a swim."
19. "It was you who broke the TV"
20. "If I were you, I would tell them the truth."