

► **Practice 14. Reported speech.** (Chart 12-7)

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb.

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| 1. Tom said, "I am busy." | Tom said that he <u>was</u> busy. |
| 2. Tom said, "I need some help." | Tom said that he _____ some help. |
| 3. Tom said, "I am having a good time." | Tom said that he _____ a good time. |
| 4. Tom said, "I have finished my work." | Tom said that he _____ his work. |
| 5. Tom said, "I finished it." | Tom said that he _____ it. |
| 6. Tom said, "I will arrive at noon." | Tom said that he _____ at noon. |
| 7. Tom said, "I am going to be there." | Tom said that he _____ there. |
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| 8. Tom said, "I can solve that problem." | Tom said that he _____ that problem. |
| 9. Tom said, "I may come early." | Tom said that he _____ early. |
| 10. Tom said, "I might come early." | Tom said that he _____ early. |
| 11. Tom said, "I must leave at eight." | Tom said that he _____ at eight. |
| 12. Tom said, "I have to leave at eight." | Tom said that he _____ at eight. |
| 13. Tom said, "I should go to the library." | Tom said that he _____ to the library. |
| 14. Tom said, "Stay here." | Tom told me _____ here. |

1. I asked Martha, "Are you planning to enter law school?"
I asked Martha if / whether she was planning to enter law school.
2. Ed just asked me, "What time does the movie begin?"
Ed wants to know _____.
3. Fred asked, "Can we still get tickets for the concert?"
Fred asked _____ tickets for the concert.
4. Thomas said to us, "How can I help you?"
Thomas wants to know _____ us.
5. Eva asked, "Can you help me, Mario?"
Eva asked Mario _____ her.
6. Charles said, "When will the final decision be made?"
Charles wanted to know _____.
7. Frank asked Carla, "Where have you been all afternoon?"
Frank asked Carla _____ all afternoon.
8. Jaime just asked, "What is Kim's native language?"
Jaime wants to know _____.
9. I asked myself, "Am I doing the right thing?"
I wondered _____ the right thing.
10. George asked me, "What time do I have to be at the lab in the morning?"
George asked me _____ to be at the lab in the morning.
11. Yuki asked, "Who should I give this message to?"
Yuki asked me _____ to.
12. Nancy asked, "Why didn't you call me?"
Nancy wanted to know _____ her.

Conversation 1.

"Where are you going, Ann?" I asked.

"I'm on my way to the market," she replied. "Do you want to come with me?"

"I'd like to, but I have to stay home. I have a lot of work to do."

"OK," Ann said. "Is there anything I can pick up for you at the market?"

"How about a few bananas? And some apples if they're fresh?"

"Sure. I'd be happy to."

When I asked Ann where she _____¹_____, she said she _____²_____ on her way to the market and _____³_____ me to come with her. I said I _____⁴_____ to, but that I _____⁵_____ to stay home because I _____⁶_____ a lot of work to do. Ann kindly asked me if there _____⁷_____ anything she _____⁸_____ pick up for me at the market. I asked her to pick up a few bananas and some apples if they _____⁹_____ fresh. She said she'd be happy to.

Conversation 2.

"Where are you from?" asked the passenger sitting next to me on the plane.

"Chicago," I said.

"That's nice. I'm from Mapleton. It's a small town in northern Michigan. Have you heard of it?"

"Oh yes, I have," I said. "Michigan is a beautiful state. I've been there on vacation many times."

"Were you in Michigan on vacation this year?"

"No. I went far away from home this year. I went to India," I replied.

"Oh, that's nice. Is it a long drive from Chicago to India?" she asked me. My mouth fell open.

I didn't know how to respond. Some people certainly need to study geography.

The passenger sitting next to me on the plane _____¹_____ me where I _____²_____ from. I _____³_____ her I _____⁴_____ from Chicago. She _____⁵_____ that she _____⁶_____ from Mapleton, a small town in northern Michigan. She wondered if I _____⁷_____ of it, and I told her that I _____⁸_____. I went on to say that I thought Michigan _____⁹_____ a beautiful state and explained that I _____¹⁰_____ there on vacation many times. She _____¹¹_____ me if I _____¹²_____ in Michigan on vacation this year. I replied that I _____¹³_____ and _____¹⁴_____ her that I _____¹⁵_____ far away, to India. Then she asked me if it _____¹⁶_____ a long drive from Chicago to India! My mouth fell open. I didn't know how to respond. Some people certainly need to study geography.

1 Mixed structures. Change these sentences to indirect speech (reported some time later).

▶ He's ill. (*She thought*) *She thought he was ill.*

1 I'll be back tomorrow. (*He said*)

2 Would you like a drink? (*She asked him*)

3 Where's the bus station? (*She asked me*)

4 Have you finished? (*I asked him*)

5 Three kilos should be enough. (*The book said*)

6 When is the car going to be ready? (*I asked*)

7 These figures can't be right. (*I knew*)

8 Her cat understands everything she says. (*She thought*)

9 Did Mary phone back? (*I wondered*)

10 Did dinosaurs lay eggs? (*I wondered*)

11 I don't like this music. (*She said*)

12 Do you want tea or coffee? (*He asked her*)

13 I'll clean the flat. (*She offered*)

14 What does the boss want? (*I asked*)

15 You should see the doctor. (*He advised me*)

2 Here are some famous predictions. Report them using indirect speech.

▶ 'There will be no war with Germany.' (*The Daily Express, 1939*)

The Daily Express told its readers that there would be no war with Germany.

1 'The telephone will never have any commercial value.' (*J P Morgan*)

2 'TV will never become popular.' (*Mary Somerville*)

3 'We will never reach the moon.' (*An American astronomer in 1932*)

4 'We don't think the Beatles will be a commercial success.' (*Jay Livingstone of Capitol Records, 1964*)

5 'A black man will never be President of the United States.' (*Joseph George Caldwell, 2006*)

