

REPHRASING EXERCISES: REPORTED SPEECH

1. "Don't smoke in my office, please", the boss said → The boss told
2. Our teacher said, "Try and read this text" → Our teacher told
3. "You shouldn't eat in the living room", the mother told her son → The mother told her son
4. "Don't stop your car there", the man said → The man told me
5. "I have to do my homework, Penny" → Tim said that
6. "We can save a lot of trees by recycling paper", the ecologist said → The ecologist said that
7. "Get out of my way", he said → He told me
8. "Be sure everything is in order", I said to the children → I told the children
9. "Johnson used to be a member of parliament", Errol said → Errol said that
10. "Is he a scientist or a novel writer?", the woman said → The woman asked
11. "We are painting our house tomorrow", Linda said → Linda said that
12. "I had a bad cold last week", she said → She said that she
13. "What else did you do on Saturday night?", he said → He asked me
14. "Why is your home so full of antiques?", he said → He asked
15. "The electricity bill must also be paid this week", he added → He added that
16. "I would like to visit my parents", Linda said to David → Linda said to David that
17. "Put your gun on the table", the policeman said → The policeman told him
18. "What was she wearing when you saw her last?", the policeman said → The policeman asked
19. "Search the house", the police sergeant said → The police sergeant told him
20. "Write to me as soon as you get to the hotel", his wife said → His wife asked him
21. "Take me to the 33rd floor", he said to the liftman → He asked the liftman
22. "The government would have to make new laws", the policeman argued → The policeman argued that
23. "Don't argue with your parents", I said → I told him
24. "How long have you been here, Jenny?", her mother said → Her mother asked
25. "The Christmas holidays will start on December 23rd", my father remarked → My father remarked that
26. "When did you first travel by plane, she said → She asked
27. "We will see you tomorrow if the weather improves", she said → She said that
28. "Have you done this sort of work before, the secretary said → The secretary asked
29. "The palace will open to the public tomorrow", he said → He said that