

## REPORTED SPEECH

### Rewrite the sentences in reported speech

1. "We refuse to leave the demonstration now," they said.  
They said that
2. "I'm standing up for my rights," the protester said.  
The protester said that he
3. "Did you live in a shelter?" the social worker asked.  
The social worker asked the man
4. "Why didn't you sign the petition yesterday?" my friend asked.  
My friend asked me
5. "We've been painting this room since yesterday," Elizabeth said.  
Elizabeth
6. "We followed the rules," the players insisted.  
The players insisted that
7. "I didn't walk the dog last night," I told my father.  
I
8. "I'll return your book tomorrow," Jane said to me.  
Jane
9. "Don't forget to turn out the lights, Carol," Michelle said.  
Michelle
10. "Have you visited the new museum yet?" Gus asked us.  
Gus
11. "Move forward on your hands and knees." The instructor told us.  
The instructor
12. "Your parents must sign this form" Mr Hall said to his class.  
Mr Hall
13. "I may win a scholarship," Jason said.  
I
14. "Let's have a barbecue tonight" John said.  
John
15. "Will you sign this petition?" He asked.  
He
16. "I didn't break into her house last night" The suspect told the police.  
The suspect



**Rewrite the sentences using reported speech and the words in brackets. Do not change the original meaning.**

1. "My childhood was difficult because I grew up in a slum," he said to us. **(told)**
2. "I don't believe the government will lower the voting age next year," I said. **(following)**
3. "Can you help us organise a peaceful demonstration?" we asked Tom. **(if)**
4. "Why did they refuse to sign this petition?" we wanted to know. **(had)**
5. "Don't drive here! It's not safe" The police officer told me **(not)**
6. "I saw an amazing painting at the art gallery last week," said Judy. **(before)**
7. "I'll lend you my car tomorrow," Ken said to Sue. **(promised)**
8. "Let's have fish and chips for dinner tonight," said Ben. **(having)**

**Rewrite the sentences in direct speech.**

1. Gillian asked if I was hungry then. " " " " ?" Gillian asked.
2. Steven announced that he wasn't taking the cat to the vet that day.  
Steven said, " " "
3. Marge promised to tidy her room the following day. " " " " , " said Marge.
4. Dean explained that he had been looking after his little sister all day.  
Dean said, " " "

