

EXERCISE 5 MULTIPLE CHANGES TO INDIRECT SPEECH

GRAMMAR NOTES 3–7 Read the conversation. Then complete the father's account of the conversation with indirect speech forms. The number in parentheses indicates how many words are needed in each case.

SALLY: Dad, can you help me with my homework?

DAD: Yes, I can. What do you need?

SALLY: I have to write a report for my communications class. It's on a quotation.

DAD: OK. What's the quotation?

SALLY: It's by William Mizner, and it says, "A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he gets to know something."

DAD: What do you think it means?

SALLY: Well, maybe it means that people will like you if you're a good listener.

DAD: Good. That's part of it. Do you think it means anything else?

SALLY: Well, maybe that you can learn something if you listen.

DAD: Very good! You understand the quotation really well.



My daughter Sally asked me if I could help her with her homework. I told her

1. (seven words)

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_____ and asked her _____. She said

2. (two words) 3. (three words)

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3. (three words)

_____ a report on a quotation for _____

4. (four words) 5. (one word)

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5. (one word)

communications class. I asked her _____. She said

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_____ by William Mizner and went like this: “A good listener is not only
7. (two words)
popular everywhere, but after a while he gets to know something.” I asked her

7. (two words)

_____ . She said she **thought** maybe

8. (five words)

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_____ that people _____ you if you were a good
9. (two words) 10. (two words)

9. (two words)

10. (two words)

listener. I told her that _____ part of it and asked

11. (one word)

11. (one word)

_____ anything else. She said she

12. (five words)

12. (five words)

thought maybe it meant you _____ something if you listened. I told her

13. (two words)

13. (two words)

_____ the quotation really well.

14. (two words)

14. (two words)