Exercises

48.1 Here are some things that Sarah said to you:



I've never been to the United States.

I don't have any brothers or sisters.

I can't drive.

I don't like fish.

Jane has a very well-paid job.

I'm working tomorrow evening.

Jane is a friend of mine.

~~Dave is lazy.~~

But later Sarah says something different to you. What do you say?

	Sarah	You
1	Dave works very hard.	But you said he was lazy.
2	Let's have fish for dinner.	But .....
3	I'm going to buy a car.	.....
4	Jane is always short of money.	.....
5	My sister lives in Paris.	.....
6	I think New York is a great place.	.....
7	Let's go out tomorrow evening.	.....
8	I've never spoken to Jane.	.....

48.2 **Complete the sentences with say or tell (in the correct form). Use only one word each time.**

1 Ann *said* goodbye to me and left.
2 ..... us about your holiday. Did you have a nice time?
3 Don't just stand there! ..... something!
4 I wonder where Sue is. She ..... she would be here at 8 o'clock.
5 Dan ..... me that he was bored with his job.
6 The doctor ..... that I should rest for at least a week.
7 Don't ..... anybody what I ..... . It's a secret just between us.
8 'Did she ..... you what happened?' 'No, she didn't ..... anything to me.'
9 Gary couldn't help me. He ..... me to ask Chris.
10 Gary couldn't help me. He ..... to ask Chris.

48.3 **The following sentences are direct speech:**

Don't wait for me if I'm late.

Mind your own business.

Don't worry, Sue.

Please slow down!

Can you open your bag, please?

Could you get me a paper?

~~Hurry up!~~

Will you marry me?

Do you think you could give me a hand, Tom?

Now choose one of these to complete each of the sentences below. Use reported speech.

1 Will was taking a long time to get ready, so I *told him to hurry up*.
2 Sarah was driving too fast, so I asked .....
3 Sue was nervous about the situation. I told .....
4 I couldn't move the piano alone, so I .....
5 The security guard looked at me suspiciously and .....
6 Tom was going to the shop, so I .....
7 The man started asking me personal questions, so I .....
8 John was in love with Marianne, so he .....
9 I didn't want to delay Helen, so I .....

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