

English exam Second Period

Change the following statements to reported speech:

1. She said, "I can get home on my own".

She said that _____.

2. They said, "We haven't been to an art gallery for ages".

They said that _____.

3. The police asked me, "When did you leave the house this morning?"

The police asked me _____.

4. He said, "I'll think about it."

He said that _____.

5. Mary said, "I should have phoned my mother".

Mary said that _____.

6. The doctor told me, "You should cut down on your smoking."

The doctor told me _____.

7. He asked me, "Do you understand all the rules?"

He asked me _____.

8. She asked me, "When will I see you again?"

She asked me _____.

9. My parents said, "We are going on holiday tomorrow."

My parents said that _____.

10. She said, "Wait until I get back!"

She told him _____.

11. My sister said, "I always eat lots of fresh fruit and salad."

She said that _____.

12. The workers said, "We won't have enough time to finish the job."

The workers said that _____.

13. The passenger asked, "Could someone help me with the luggage?"

The passengers asked _____.

14. Mom said, "Don't worry!"

Mom told me _____.

15. Jack said, "We must leave soon."

Jack said that _____.

Read the following story, make a summary using reported speech:

It was a beautiful summer day when my parents first met each other. Much like the movies, a single day would lead to a roller coaster ride and finally, a happy ending, one lasting 22 years and counting.

My mother and father would've never met each other if it hadn't been for one distant, common connection paving its way into their lives. My mother was finishing her Master's degree while my father was working his first job as an accountant. While my father lived in the more urban, capital city of New Delhi, mum lived with her large, loving extended family in Punjab. When they first met, all they knew was that their families were planning on getting them married and that they wanted them to meet, spend time and say "yes" or "no."

As my father walked nervously towards my mother, my mother thought to herself, 'There is no way I will ever marry this guy. He looks like he hasn't smiled in years.' This first impression turned over to be, 'I want to marry this guy. He's the sweetest, funniest, kindest I've met.' However, much unlike the movies, neither my mother nor my father wished to marry immediately and so 'spending time' changed from being a single meeting to a year of falling in love and getting to know one another.

In a year, my mother got her degree and my father changed jobs, travelling the world and taking mum with him. In a year, their families also became one, happy blob of people excited to see the two tie the knot.

In the Indian culture, the marriage of two people is also the marriage of two families, backgrounds, beliefs, principles and ways of living. Love is not love unless it's supported and backed by similarities in the families which reassure them that the marriage will last. When two individuals claim love, it's not an easy thing for the parents to say okay because society demands that a list of others factors check out before anything else. Here, love is a pure, sacred bond; a bond which lasts seven lives and is something that is truly, persisting in all of life's phases whether its sadness, happiness, sickness or health. The bride leaves everything behind to take on a new name, a new identity and to devote herself to a new family while the groom dutifully assures that he works towards keeping his family safe, healthy and happy.

In marrying my father, my mother faced many obstacles that come as 'givens' in society such as not having a job and devoting everything to her children and family. She gave up the opportunities that would've come with her hard earned physics degree and became a housewife while my father worked every single day to provide everything and more for his family. Compared to many an obstacle faced by couples in India, my mother and father's story seems to be one with no obstacles at all. However, it is the personal sacrifices that truly defined the framework of how most 'normal' couples survived in society.

Complete the table with the appropriate tense: *past continuous, past perfect, past perfect, past perfect and past simple.*

Direct speech	Reported speech
1 present simple	
2 present continuous	
3 past simple	
4 present perfect	
5 past perfect	
6 <i>can / can't</i>	
7 <i>will / won't</i>	
8 <i>might</i>	
9 <i>should</i>	

Answer to the following statements showing agreement or disagreement:

- ★ I like pizza. _____
- ★ I can swim. _____
- ★ I'm tired. _____
- ★ I enjoy reading. _____
- ★ I have a dog. _____
- ★ I play soccer. _____
- ★ I'm feeling happy today. _____
- ★ I need a vacation. _____
- ★ I went to the park yesterday. _____
- ★ I like watching movies. _____
- ★ I'm good at math. _____
- ★ I love chocolate. _____
- ★ I know how to cook. _____
- ★ I drink coffee every morning. _____
- ★ I study every day. _____
- ★ I don't like coffee. _____
- ★ I can't drive a car. _____
- ★ I'm not a morning person. _____
- ★ I don't have any pets. _____
- ★ I didn't go to the party last night. _____
- ★ I don't enjoy loud music. _____
- ★ I'm not good at dancing. _____
- ★ I don't watch TV often. _____

- ★ I haven't been to Paris. _____
- ★ I can't play the guitar. _____
- ★ I don't understand physics. _____
- ★ I'm not a fan of spicy food. _____
- ★ I don't like horror movies. _____
- ★ I don't sleep more than 6 hours a night. _____
- ★ I'm not very athletic. _____

Complete the sentences with the words Nick uses when he reports the conversation with his mother.

1. She said I couldn't go out because I _____ tidied the house.
2. She said she _____ visitors and the house _____ dirty and untidy.
3. I said I _____ wash up.
4. She said my friends _____ help too.
5. I said I _____ washed the car the week before.
6. She said she _____ going to keep my pocket money.

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