Reported Speech Statements

ESL Activity Sheet for Teens



Activity 1

Is it direct or reported speech? Write 'Direct speech' or 'Reported speech' next to each sentence. Correct the punctuation where necessary.

1. Alice said that she was tired. _____
2. Our teacher said that “he was pleased with our progress.” _____
3. “We are going to have a housewarming party on Sunday,” said Mike. _____
4. Dad asked me what I was doing. _____
5. The woman said, that the children were playing outside. _____

Activity 2

Fill in 'tell' or 'say' in the right grammatical form.

1. She _____ it would probably be too hot.
2. Nick _____ me about his adventure.
3. He _____ to me, “I am going to win this competition.”
4. They _____ the truth that they had not done it.
5. Janet _____ nothing.

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Activity 3

Rewrite the direct speech sentences in reported speech. Pay attention to tenses, personal pronouns and adverbs of time and place.



Example: "I will open all my presents now," Arina thought.
Arina thought **she would** open all **her** presents **immediately.**

1. She says, "I am always hungry at school."

2. He said, "I am enjoying myself at the party."

3. "There was an earthquake yesterday," the news reporter said.

4. "I will never marry," Chris used to say when he was a child.

5. The teacher said, "All the planets rotate around the Sun."

6. "The children are writing a test," the headmaster reported.

7. The mayor promised, "The new school will be opened next month."

8. "They have bought a new car," Richard said.

9. She whispered to me, "I like your new style!"

10. He said, "I went to my favourite band's concert last week."

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