

# 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.

### 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."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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