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Indirect Speech

Be careful with word order and reporting verbs

- “Where have you been?” she asked me. → She asked me where I ___ been.
- “Please, don’t be late,” my boss said. → My boss told me ___ be late.
- “Why didn’t you call me?” he asked. → He wanted to know why I ___ called him.
- “Can you help me with this project?” she said. → She asked if I ___ help her with that project.
- “Don’t touch that button!” the technician warned us. → The technician warned us ___ touch that button.
- “We have to submit the report today,” they said. → They said they ___ to submit the report that day.
- “How long have they been waiting?” he asked. → He asked how long they ___ been waiting.

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