Reported Speech

For Grade - 9

1. Sentences
2. "Wh" questions
3. Yes / No questions



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Reported speech rules

to / direct	from / indirect
simple present(ex: teach)	simple past(ex: taught)
simple past (ex: taught) preset perfect (has/ have taught) past perfect(had taught)	past perfect(had taught)
am/is/are	was/were
was/ were has been have been had been	had been
can	could
may	might
will	would
here	there
this	that
these	those
now	then
today	that day
yesterday	the day before/ the previous day

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tomorrow	the next day/ the following day
last week	the previous week
last month	the previous month
last year	the previous year
next week	the following week
next month	the following month
next year	the following year

Pronoun changes

Direct	Indirect
I	He / She
my	his / her
me	him / her
We	They
our	their
us	them
You	I / We
you (object)	me / us
your	my / our

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Examples:-

- Amal said,'" I teach the students."
  Amal said that he taught the students.
- Nethmi said," I taught the students."
  Nethmi said that she had taught the students.
- Nethun said," I will help my students."
  Nethun said that he would help his students.

Write the following sentences reported speech.

1.Hirun said, " I work hard."
2.Mihin said , " I worked hard."
3.Sithum said , " I will work hard."
4.Meena said, "I am teaching my students."
5.Thushari said, " I was writing a book yesterday."
6.Kasuni said, " I can build up this."
7.Yasith said, "I have helped my family."
8.Visal said, " I had swept the room."
9.Ganga said, " I will work tomorrow."
10.Nayana said, " I hope to follow this next week."

Answers

1.Hirun said, " I work hard."
Hirun said that he worked hard.
2.Mihin said , " I worked hard."
Mihin said that he had worked hard.
3.Sithum said , " I will work hard."
Sithum said that he would work hard.
4.Meena said, "I am teaching my students."
Meena said that she was teaching her students.

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5.Thushari said, " I was writing a book yesterday."

Thushari said that she had been writing a book the day before.

6.Kasuni said, " I can build up this."

Kasuni said that she could build up that.

7.Yasith said, "I have helped my family."

Yasith said that he had helped his family.

8.Visal said, " I had swept the room."

Visal said that he had swept the room.

9.Ganga said, " I will work tomorrow."

Ganga said that she would work the next day.

10.Nayana said, " I hope to follow this next week."

Nayana said that he hoped to follow that the following week.

Reporting questions ("Wh" questions)

Examples:-

- Dulan asked, " what are you doing?"
  Dulan asked what I was doing.
- Omaya asked, " where did you work?"
  Omaya asked where I had worked.
- Ridma asked, "how do you go?"
  Ridma asked how I went.

Write the following sentences into reported speech.

1.Namal asked, " when will you come here?"
2.Mr.Perera asked, " what did you write?"
3.Nuwan asked, " where have they gone?"
4.Aruna asked, " at what time have they come here?"
5.Sumith asked, " why are you crying?"

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6.Ameesha asked, " what is your name?"
7.Wasana asked, " why were you scolding?"
8.Pethum asked, " where did you keep ?"
9.They asked, " at what time will it be held?"
10. Himashi asked, " what are you writing now?"

Answers

1.Namal asked, " when will you come here?"
Namal asked when I would come there.
2.Mr.Perera asked, " what did you write?"
Mr.Perera asked what I had written.
3.Nuwan asked, " where have they gone?"
Nuwan asked where they had gone.
4.Aruna asked, " at what time have they come here?"
Aruna asked at what time they had come there.
5.Sumith asked, " why are you crying?"
Sumith asked why I was crying.
6.Ameesha asked, " what is your name?"
Ameesha asked what my name was.
7.Wasana asked, " why were you scolding?"
Wasana asked why I had been scolding.
8.Pethum asked, " where did you keep ?"
Pethum asked where I had kept.
9.They asked, " at what time will it be held?"
They asked at what time it would be held.
10. Himashi asked, " what are you writing now?"
Himashi asked what I was writing then.

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Yes / no questions

Whether/ if

Examples:-

- Rangana asked, " do you work?"
  Rangana asked whether I worked.
- Lalitha asked, " did you teach?"
  Lalitha asked whether I had taught.
- Grandmother asked, " can you cook?"
  Grandmother asked whether I could cook.

Write the following sentences into reported speech.

1. Rahal asked, " are you busy?"
2. Yohan asked, " did you write this?"
3. Menaka asked, " have you seen this?"
4. Uncle asked, " will they come here?"
5. She asked , " were you helping your children?"
6. Sagarika asked, " do you teach them?"
7. Chamara asked, " can you help them?"
8. He asked, " does she learn?"
9. Manager asked, " had they finished this yesterday?"
10. Bimal asked, " is she working?"

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Answers

1.Rahal asked, " are you busy?"
Rahal asked if I was busy.
2.Yohan asked, " did you write this?"
Yohan asked if I had written that.
3.Menaka asked, " have you seen this?"
Menaka asked if I had seen that.
4.Uncle asked, " will they come here?"
Uncle asked if they would come there.
5.She asked , " were you helping your children?"
She asked if I had been helping my children.
6.Sagarika asked, " do you teach them?"
Sagarika asked if I taught them.
7.Chamara asked, " can you help them?"
Chamara asked if I could help them.
8.He asked, " does she learn?"
He asked if she learnt / learned.
9.Manager asked, " had they finished this yesterday?"
Manager asked if they had finished that the day before.
10.Bimal asked, " is she working?"
Bimal asked if she was working.

Other Activity

Rewrite the sentences using reported speech.

1. Ravi said," the flowers are beautiful."
2. Peter asked, " can you do this work?"

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3. She said, " I like this house."

4. Tom said, " these fruits have gone bad."

5. Waruni said, " your frock is pretty."

6. Teacher asked, " did you finish your homework?"

7. Mihira asked, " have you been to Japan?"

8. Friends said," we have a great time."

Answers

1. Ravi said," the flowers are beautiful."

Ravi said that the flowers were beautiful.

2. Peter asked, " can you do this work?"

Peter asked if I could do that work.

3. She said, " I like this house."

She said that she liked that house.

4. Tom said, " these fruits have gone bad."

Tom said that those fruits had gone bad.

5. Waruni said, " your frock is pretty."

Waruni said that my frock was pretty.

6. Teacher asked, " did you finish your homework?"

Teacher asked if I had finished my homework.

7. Mihira asked, " have you been to Japan?"

Mihira asked if I had been to Japan.

8. Friends said," we have a great time."

Friends said that they had a great time.

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