.... Reported Speech: Commands and Requests ....

- To report a <u>command</u> or a <u>request</u>, we use the following structure:

  - tell for commands

  - ask for requests

  told/asked + person + to + verb

- If the person is a <u>pronoun</u>, we use an object pronoun (me, him, her, it, us, you, them).

  E.g.   "Go to the local college".
  The clerk *told John to go* to the local college.

  "Could you fill in an application form, please?"
  She *asked him to fill in* an application form.

- To report negative <u>commands</u> or <u>requests</u>, we use the following structure:

  Told/ asked + person + not to + verb

  E.g.   "Don't fill in the second part of the form."
  She *told John not to fill in* the second part of the form.

Exercise

Report the following commands and requests.

1. "Follow Isabel and Max". *He told them*_____

2. "Please, don't lose them". He asked them_____

3. "Get the supermarket bags, please John". She_____

4. "Bring them to me, please mum" Mary_____

5. "Could you meet me at the airport?" Tom asked his friend_____

6. "Don't attack them". I told him_____

7. "Can you cook tonight? She asked her husband_____

8. "Don't open that box mum, there's a spider in it" She_____

9. "Get dressed!" Mary told her daughter _____

10. "Don't write your exams in pencil, students!" The teacher_____