

Reported Speech practice

STATEMENTS

1. These people are saying these things. Report them, using says that.

a. Paul: "Atlanta is a wonderful city."

b. Ruth: "I go jogging every morning."

c. Anna: "Jenny isn't studying for her exams."

d. Andrew: "I used to be very fat."

e. Jim: "I can't swim."

2. Report what the guests said at a wedding last Sunday.

a. Miss Moore: "They'll make a lovely couple."

b. Mr Smith: "They're going to live in Brighton."

c. Mrs Jones: "The bride and the groom are very nice young people."

Write these sentences in indirect speech, changing words where necessary.

a. "I'll see you tomorrow", she said.

b. "I saw her today", he said.

c. "I don't like this film", she said.

d. She said, "We went swimming today."

e. "I met her about three months ago", he said.

COMMANDS, REQUESTS AND ADVICE

1. Rewrite these sentences in reported speech.

a. "Make some coffee, Bob", Carol said.(ask)

b. "You must do the homework soon, Jane", she said.(tell)

c. "Remember to buy a map, Ann" he said.(remind)

d. "You should see a doctor, Mrs Clark", he said.(advise)

e. "Keep all the windows closed, Bill" they said.(warn)

2. Write the sentences in reported speech using the words given.

a. "Sit down, Mary." (he told)

b. "Would you pass my suitcase?" (he asked)

c. "Don't go near the sea, children." (the children's mother warned)

d. "Don't be late, Tim." (Tim's father told)

e. "Be quiet, children." (the librarian told)

SAY AND TELL

1. Use the correct form of SAY and TELL in these sentences.

a. She _____ me she didn't agree.

b. He _____, "Have we met before?"

c. I _____ them I wasn't happy with their work.

d. She smiled and _____ to me, "I'm very pleased to meet you."

e. She _____ me a story about her parents.

OFFERS AND SUGGESTIONS

1. Rewrite the sentences with the gerund or the infinitive and the in reported speech.

a. "I'll bring my CDs to the party." He _____

b. "Let's go to the cinema tonight, shall we?" She suggested _____

c. "Yes, I stole the wallet." He admitted _____

d. "Be careful! The water is boiling." She warned us _____

e. "You must apologise to your teacher." My father insisted (on) _____