

## EXERCISE 5 MULTIPLE CHANGES TO INDIRECT SPEECH

**GRAMMAR NOTES 3–7** Read the conversation. Then complete the father's account of the conversation with indirect speech forms. The number in parentheses indicates how many words are needed in each case.

**SALLY:** Dad, can you help me with my homework?

**DAD:** Yes, I can. What do you need?

**SALLY:** I have to write a report for my communications class. It's on a quotation.

**DAD:** OK. What's the quotation?

**SALLY:** It's by William Mizner, and it says, "A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he gets to know something."

**DAD:** What do you think it means?

**SALLY:** Well, maybe it means that people will like you if you're a good listener.

**DAD:** Good. That's part of it. Do you think it means anything else?

**SALLY:** Well, maybe that you can learn something if you listen.

**DAD:** Very good! You understand the quotation really well.



My daughter Sally asked me if I could help her with her homework. I told her

1. (seven words)

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\_\_\_\_\_ and asked her \_\_\_\_\_. She said  
2. (two words) 3. (three words)

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3. (three words)

\_\_\_\_\_ a report on a quotation for \_\_\_\_\_

4. (four words) 5. (one word)

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5. (one word)

communications class. I asked her \_\_\_\_\_. She said

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\_\_\_\_\_ by William Mizner and went like this: “A good listener is not only  
7. (two words)  
popular everywhere, but after a while he gets to know something.” I asked her

7. (two words)

\_\_\_\_\_ . She said she **thought** maybe

8. (five words)

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\_\_\_\_\_ that people \_\_\_\_\_ you if you were a good  
9. (two words) 10. (two words)

9. (two words)

10. (two words)

listener. I told her that \_\_\_\_\_ part of it and asked

11. (one word)

\_\_\_\_\_ anything else. She said she

12. (five words)

12. (five words)

thought maybe it meant you \_\_\_\_\_ something if you listened. I told her

13. (two words)

\_\_\_\_\_ the quotation really well.

14. (two words)

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