

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)

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

4. (four words) a report on a quotation for 5. (one word)

communications class. I asked her 6. (four words). She said

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

8. (five words). She said she thought maybe

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

listener. I told her that 11. (one word) part of it and asked

12. (five words) anything else. She said she

thought maybe it meant you 13. (two words) something if you listened. I told her

14. (two words) the quotation really well.