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Commands

'Do more exercise.' → She **told** him **to do** more exercise.

'Don't worry!' → She **told** me **not to worry**.

Requests

'Can you give me something, please?' → I **asked** the doctor **to give** me something.

'Please don't shout!' → She **asked** him **not to shout**.

- 1 ● Complete the reported commands and requests with the words below.

asked me not to told us

- 'Put it down.'
She **told** me to put it down.
- 'Lie down, please.'
The doctor _____ me to lie down.
- 'Everybody, listen carefully, please.'
The teacher asked _____ to listen carefully.
- 'Don't work too hard.'
He told us _____ to work too hard.
- 'Lift your arm, please.'
The nurse asked _____ to lift my arm.
- 'Fill in the form.'
The receptionist told me _____ fill in the form.

- 2 ● Choose the correct option.

- Dad: Hey! I asked you **(not to be)** *to not be* so loud up here, please.
Molly: Sorry, Dad. It's just that Jane *asked me / asked to* help her with her Music project.
Dad: OK, but turn the volume down, will you? Mum's got a headache and she asked us *not to / to not* make any noise.
- Meg: Jamie, can you help me with my Maths homework? I *told / asked* Dad to help, but he's busy.
Jamie: Sure. What do you have to do?
Meg: Well, the teacher told us *to do / do* the exercises on this page, but I just don't understand them.

- 3 ●● Use the prompts to write reported commands and requests.

- the teacher / ask / we / listen / carefully
The teacher asked us to listen carefully.
- Freya / tell / we / not leave / rubbish / in her car

- I / ask / they / sit / over there

- the doctor / tell / me / not play / sport / for two weeks

- Sarah / ask / Kate / meet / she / after school

- 4 ●●● Complete the text with reported commands and requests. Use the prompts in brackets.



What I did in an emergency

Last week, I was with my friend Joel when he said he was in pain and he ¹*asked me to call* (ask / I / call) an ambulance. I **called** 999 and the woman on the phone ²_____ (ask / I / describe) the problem. She also ³_____ (ask / I / tell) her if Joel was taking any medicine. I said he wasn't. Then she ⁴_____ (tell / I / make) sure he was comfortable, so I ⁵_____ (tell / he / sit down) and not move. The woman on the phone said the ambulance would be there in a few minutes and ⁶_____ (tell / I / not panic), which was difficult! When the ambulance arrived, they took Joel to hospital and I ⁷_____ (ask / they / let) me come too. When we got there, they told me he had an ear infection and ⁸_____ (ask / I / phone) his parents. In the end, they gave him some pills and a prescription, and he was fine a couple of days later.