

## REPORTED SPEECH exercises

EXERCISE 4. Change the quoted speech to reported speech.

*Example:* "My father is a businessman. My mother is an engineer."

He said that his father was a businessman and that his mother was an engineer

1. "I'm excited about my new job. I've found a nice apartment."

I got a letter from my sister yesterday. She said \_\_\_\_\_.

2. "Your Uncle Harry is in the hospital. Your Aunt Sally is very worried about him."

The last time my mother wrote to me, she said \_\_\_\_\_

3. "I expect you to be in class every day. Unexcused absences may affect your grades."

Our sociology professor said \_\_\_\_\_

4. "Highway 66 will be closed for two months. Commuters should seek alternate routes."

The newspaper said \_\_\_\_\_

5. "I'm getting good grades, but I have difficulty understanding lectures."

My brother is a junior at a state university. In his last letter, he wrote \_\_\_\_\_

6. "Every obstacle is a steppingstone to success. You should view problems in your life as opportunities to prove yourself."

My father often told me \_\_\_\_\_

7. "I'll come to the meeting, but I can't stay for more than an hour."

Julia told me \_\_\_\_\_

EXERCISE 5. Change these sentences from direct into reported speech.

1. "Who's next please?" She wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_.

2. "What makes a noise like that?" He wondered \_\_\_\_\_.

3. "Which of you is waiting to see me next?" The doctor asked \_\_\_\_\_

4. "Whose composition haven't we heard yet?" The teacher asked us to tell her \_\_\_\_\_.

5. "Who left this bag here?" Tell me \_\_\_\_\_.

6. "What caused the accident?" Can you explain \_\_\_\_\_.

7. "Which newspaper carried the article?" I'd like to know \_\_\_\_\_.

8. "Whose painting will win the competition?" I haven't any idea \_\_\_\_\_.

9. "Which firms have won prizes for exports?" This article doesn't say \_\_\_\_\_.

10. "Which number can be divided by three?" The teacher asked \_\_\_\_\_.

EXERCISE 6. Complete the sentences by reporting the speaker's words.

Alex said, "I will help you." – Alex said (that) he would help me.

"Do you need a pen?" Annie asked. – Annie asked me if I needed a pen.

Jennifer asked, "What do you want?" – Jennifer asked me what I wanted.

1. Inna asked, "Are you hungry?" - Inna wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_.
2. "I want a sandwich," Elena said. – Elena said \_\_\_\_\_.
3. "I'm going to move to Ohio," said Bruce. – Bruce informed me \_\_\_\_\_.
4. "Did you enjoy your trip?" asked Kim. – Kim asked me \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Oscar asked, "What are you talking about?" – Oscar asked me \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Maria asked, "Have you seen my grammar book?" – Maria wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Yuko said, "I don't want to go." – Yuko said \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Sam asked, "Where is Nadia?" – Sam wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_.
9. "Can you help me with my report?" asked David. – David asked me \_\_\_\_\_.
10. "I may be late," said Mike. – Mike told me \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Felix said, "You should work harder." – Felix told me \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Rosa said, "I have to go downtown." - Rosa said \_\_\_\_\_.
13. "Why is the sky blue?" my young niece often asks. – My young niece often asks me \_\_\_\_\_.
14. My mother asked, "Why are you tired?" – My mother wondered \_\_\_\_\_.
15. "I will come to the meeting," said Alex. – Alex told me \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Ms. Adams just asked Ms. Chang, "Will you be in class tomorrow?" – Ms. Adams wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_.
17. "The sun rises in the east," said Mr. Clark. – Mr. Clark, an elementary school teacher, explained to his students \_\_\_\_\_.
18. "Someday we'll be in contact with beings from outer space." – The scientist predicted \_\_\_\_\_.
19. "I think I'll go to the library to study." – Joe said \_\_\_\_\_.
20. "Does Marat know what he's doing?" – I wondered \_\_\_\_\_.
21. "Is what I've heard true?" – I wondered \_\_\_\_\_.
22. "Sentences with reported speech are a little complicated." – Olga thinks \_\_\_\_\_.

EXERCISE 7. Choose *say*, *tell* or *ask* to complete the sentences.

He often says things like that. (*says/tells*)

1. She always \_\_\_\_\_ me her troubles. (*says/tells*)
2. The children always \_\_\_\_\_ me if they can go out to play. (*tell/ask*)
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ me to leave. (*said/asked*)
4. 'Don't do that!' she \_\_\_\_\_ to them. (*said/told/asked*)
5. 'They've arrived,' she \_\_\_\_\_. (*said/told/asked*)
6. 'How are you both?' she \_\_\_\_\_. (*told/asked*)
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ that I didn't know what to do. (*said/told/asked*)
8. She \_\_\_\_\_ me she didn't know what to do. (*said/told/asked*)
9. They \_\_\_\_\_ if I knew what to do. (*said/told/asked*)

EXERCISE 8. Report these *Yes/No* questions.

1. "Are you hungry?" She asked us \_\_\_\_\_.
2. "Are you enjoying yourself?" He wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_.
3. "Do you always go to church on Sunday?" He wondered \_\_\_\_\_.

4. "Have you seen John recently?" She asked me \_\_\_\_\_.
5. "Has Debbie been working here long?" He wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_.
6. "Did you study hard for the exam?" She wondered \_\_\_\_\_.
7. "Will Ted and Alice be at the party?" She asked us \_\_\_\_\_.
8. "Will you be coming to the concert or not?" He wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_.
9. "You like Italian food, don't you?" She asked me \_\_\_\_\_.
10. "You don't like Italian food, do you?" She wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_.

EXERCISE 9. Complete the sentences by reporting the speaker's words.

1. "Who has been using my computer?" said my mother.
2. "Would you like to go with us?" they said.
3. "How much do you think it will cost?" he said.
4. "How did you get into the house?" they asked him.
5. "Have you been here long?" the other students asked him.
6. "Where are you going for your summer holidays?" I asked them.
7. "Have you ever seen a UFO?" said the man.
8. "Where can I park my car?" she asked the policeman.
9. "Would you like a lift?" said Ann. "Which way are you going?" I said.
10. "Does anyone want tickets for the boxing match?" said Charles.
11. "What are you going to do with your old car?" I asked him.
12. "Do you grow your own vegetables?" I asked.
13. "What train are you going to get?" my friend asked.
14. "Did any of you actually see the accident happen?" said the policeman.