

Indirect speech

1. Choose the best verb underlined in the direct speech sentence.

- Helen asked me if I Liked visiting old buildings.
'Do you like / Did you like visiting old buildings?' asked Helen.
- Bill asked Mary if she had done anything the previous weekend.
'Have you done anything / Did you do anything last weekend?'
- The policeman asked me if the car belonged to me.
'Does this car belong / Did this car belong to you?' asked the policeman.
- Fiona asked me if I had seen her umbrella anywhere.
Did you see / Have you seen her umbrella anywhere? Asked Fiona.
- Joe asked Tina when she would get back.
'When will you get / have you got back?' asked Joe
- Eddie asked Steve who he had been to the cinema with.
'Who did you go / had you been to the cinema with?' asked Eddie.
- My parents asked me what time I had got home the night before.
'What time did you get / have you got home last night?' my parents asked.
- David asked a passers-by if it was the right road for Hastings.
'Is this / Was this the right road for Hastings?' asked David.

2. Rewrite each sentence as direct speech.

- Graham told Ian he would see him the following day.
'I'll see you tomorrow, Ian,' said Graham.
- Pauline told the children their swimming things were not here.
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- David told me my letter had arrived the day before.
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- Shirley told Larry she would see him that evening.
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- Bill told Stephen he hadn't been at home that morning.
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- Margaret told John to phone her on the following day.
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- Tim told Ron he was leaving that afternoon.
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- Christine told Michael she had lost her lighter the night before.
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3. Rewrite sentences as indirect speech, beginning as shown.

1. 'You can't park here.'
The police officer told Jack that he **couldn't park there**.
2. 'I'll see you in the morning, Helen.'
Peter told Helen..... .
3. 'I'm taking the 5.30 train tomorrow evening.'
Janet said
4. 'The trousers have to be ready this afternoon.'
Paul told the dry-cleaners
5. 'I left my umbrella here two days ago.'
Susan told them
6. 'The parcel ought to be here by the end of next week.'
Brian said
7. 'I like this hotel very much.'
Diana told me
8. 'I think it's going to rain tonight.'
William said

4. Rewrite each question in indirect speech, beginning as shown.

1. 'What time does the film start, Peter.'
2. I asked **Peter what time the film started**.
3. 'Do you watch television every evening, Chris?'
4. The interviewer asked..... .
5. 'Why did you apply for this job?' asked the sales manager.
6. The sales manager asked me..... .
7. 'Are you taking much money with you to France?'
8. My bank manager wanted to know..... .
9. 'When will I know the results of the examination?'
10. Maria asked the examiner..... .
11. 'Are you enjoying your flight?'
12. The stewardess asked me..... .
13. 'How does the photocopier work?'
14. I asked the salesman..... .
15. Have you ever been to Japan, Paul?'
16. Sue asked Paul..... .

5. Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown, so that the meaning stays the same.

1. What time does the next boat leave?
Do you think you could tell me what **time the next boat leaves?**
2. Where can I change some money?
Can you tell me
3. Where is the toilet?
Could you possibly tell me
4. How much does this pullover cost?
I'd like to know
5. How do I get to Victoria Station?
Can you explain
6. Does this train go to Gatwick Airport?
Could you tell me
7. Where do you come from?
Would you mind telling me
8. What do you think of London?
Do you think you could tell me.....?

5. Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown, so that the meaning stays the same.

1. 'Sue, can you remember to buy some bread?'
Paul reminded **Sue to buy some bread.**
2. 'I do not really think it'll snow tomorrow'.
I doubt
3. 'I'm sorry I didn't phone you earlier.'
Jill apologized.....?
4. 'I really think you should see a doctor, Chris.'
William advised.....?
5. 'No, I'm sorry, I won't work on Saturday. Definitely not!'
Catherine refused
6. 'Let's go out to the pub for lunch, shall we?'
Wendy suggested
7. 'It's not true! I have never been arrested.'
Larry denied..... ?
8. 'If you like, I'll help you do the decorating, Bob.'
Ann offered.....?
9. 'I'll definitely take you to the park on Sunday, children.'
Tom promised the.....?
10. 'Yes, all right, I'll share the bill with you, Dave.'
Brenda agreed

5. Look carefully at each line. Some line are correct, but some have a word which should not be there. Tick each correct line. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in the space.

Satellite Television

When my parents decided that to get a new satellite television, I asked them why they	that
thoughts this was a good idea. I doubted it	✓
whether it was really necessary, and told to them	
that I had thought they spent too much time	
watching television. They agreed they didn't	
go out very much, but were insisted that they	
had had thought about the matter very carefully.	
'We enjoy television,' they said me, 'and when we	
asked you, you said that you agreed with us.'	
I replied them that I didn't remember being asked,	
and that I would have tried to stop them. Then	
they were admitted that they had asked me while I was	
watching my favorite programme. I asked them	
what was I had been watching, and they said	
it was a football match. 'You told us that	
to keep quiet, so we thought that you agreed!'	

5. Turn the following sentences from Direct to Reported Speech.

1. 'Put out your cigarettes please!', he said to us.
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2. 'Wipe your feet on the mat!' mother said.
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3. 'Please forgive me!' she said.
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4. 'Could you babysit for me tonight' he said to me.
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5. 'You shouldn't eat so much meat' she said to me.
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6. 'Be here on time in future' Tom's boss said.
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7. 'Could you pass me that salt?' Barry said to her.
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8. 'Let's buy some new curtains!' Sally said.
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9. 'You'd better go to bed early' Henry said.
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10. 'Don't be horrible to you little sister' his father said.
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