

Indirect speech

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

1. Helen asked me if I Liked visiting old buildings.
'Do you like / Did you like visiting old buildings?' asked Helen.
2. Did you do anything
3. Does this car belong
4. Have you seen
5. When will you get
6. did you go
7. did you get
8. is this

2. Rewrite each sentence as direct speech.

1. Graham told Ian he would see him the following day.
'I'll see you tomorrow, Ian,' said Graham.
2. Pauline told the children their swimming things were not here.
'Your swimming things aren't here, children,' said Pauline.
3. David told me my letter had arrived the day before.
'Your letter arrived yesterday,' said David.
4. Shirley told Larry she would see him that evening.
'I'll see you this evening, Larry,' said Shirley.
5. Bill told Stephen he hadn't been at home that morning.
'I haven't been at home this morning, Stephen,' said Bill.
6. Margaret told John to phone her on the following day.
'Phone me tomorrow, John,' said Margaret.
7. Tim told Ron he was leaving that afternoon.
'I'm leaving this afternoon, Ron,' said Tim.
8. Christine told Michael she had lost her lighter the night before.
'I lost my lighter last night, Michael,' said Christine.

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 that he would see her in the / the next morning.
3. 'I'm taking the 5.30 train tomorrow evening.'
Janet said that she was taking the 5.30 train the next / following evening.
4. 'The trousers have to be ready this afternoon.'

Paul told the dry-cleaners that the trousers had to be ready that afternoon.

5. 'I left my umbrella here two days ago.'

Susan told them that she had left her umbrella there two days earlier / before.

6. 'The parcel ought to be here by the end of next week.'

Brian said that the parcel ought to be there by the end of the following week.

7. 'I like this hotel very much.'

Diana told me that she liked the / that hotel very much.

8. 'I think it's going to rain tonight.'

William said that he thought it was going to rain that night.

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 Chris if he watched television every evening.

5. 'Why did you apply for this job?' asked the sales manager.

6. The sales manager asked me why I had applied for the / that job.

7. 'Are you taking much money with you to France?'

8. My bank manager wanted to know if I was taking much money with me to France.

9. 'When will I know the results of the examination?'

10. Maria asked the examiner when she would know the results of the examination.

11. 'Are you enjoying your flight?'

12. The stewardess asked me if I was enjoying my flight.

13. 'How does the photocopier work?'

14. I asked the salesman how the photocopier worked.

15. Have you ever been to Japan, Paul?'

16. Sue asked Paul if he had ever been to Japan.

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 where I can change some money?

3. Where is the toilet?

Could you possibly tell me where the toilet is?

4. How much does this pullover cost?

I'd like to know how much this pullover costs?

5. How do I get to Victoria Station?

Can you explain how I get to / to get to Victoria station?

6. Does this train go to Gatwick Airport?

Could you tell me if this train goes to Gatwick Airport?

7. Where do you come from?

Would you mind telling me where you come from?

8. What do you think of London?

Do you think you could tell me what you think of London?

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 if / whether it will snow tomorrow

3. 'I'm sorry I didn't phone you earlier.'

Jill apologized for not phoning me earlier?

4. 'I really think you should see a doctor, Chris.'

William advised Chris to see a doctor?

5. 'No, I'm sorry, I won't work on Saturday. Definitely not!'

Catherine refused to work on Saturday

6. 'Let's go out to the pub for lunch, shall we?'

Wendy suggested going out to the pub for lunch

7. 'It's not true! I have never been arrested.'

Larry denied ever having been arrested

8. 'If you like, I'll help you do the decorating, Bob.'

Ann offered to help Bob do the decorating

9. 'I'll definitely take you to the park on Sunday, children.'

Tom promised the children that he would take them to the park on Sunday

10. 'Yes, all right, I'll share the bill with you, Dave.'

Brenda agreed to share the bill with Dave

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	that
satellite television, I asked them why they	/
thoughts this was a good idea. I doubted it	1. it
whether it was really necessary, and told to them	2. to
that I had thought they spent too much time	3. had
watching television. They agreed they didn't	4. /
go out very much, but were insisted that they	5. were
had had thought about the matter very carefully.	6. had
'We enjoy television,' they said me, 'and when we	7. me
asked you, you said that you agreed with us.'	8. /
I replied them that I didn't remember being asked,	9. them
and that I would have tried to stop them. Then	10. /
they were admitted that they had asked me while I was	11. were

watching my favorite programme. I asked them	12. /
what was I had been watching, and they said	13. was
it was a football match. 'You told us that	14. that
to keep quiet, so we thought that you agreed!'	15. /

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

1. 'Put out your cigarettes please!', he said to us.
He asked us to put out our cigarettes.
2. 'Wipe your feet on the mat!' mother said.
Mother told us/me to wipe our/my feet on the mat.
3. 'Please forgive me!' she said.
She asked me to forgive her.
4. 'Could you babysit for me tonight' he said to me.
He asked me if I could babysit for him that night.
5. 'You shouldn't eat so much meat' she said to me.
She advised me not to eat so much meat.
6. 'Be here on time in future' Tom's boss said.
Tom's boss told/warned hom to be there on time in future.
7. 'Could you pass me that salt?' Barry said to her.
Barry asked/requested her to pass him the salt.
8. 'Let's buy some new curtains!' Sally said.
Sally suggested buying some new curtains.
9. 'You'd better go to bed early' Henry said.
Henry suggested my going to bed early/Henry suggested that I (should) go to bed early.
10. 'Don't be horrible to you little sister' his father said.
His father told him not to be horrible to his little sister.