

# REPORTED SPEECH

## 1. Statements

Change this direct speech into reported speech:

1. "He works in a bank"

She said \_\_\_\_\_

2. "We went out last night"

Tom told me \_\_\_\_\_

3. "I'm coming!"

My friend Rose said \_\_\_\_\_

4. "We were waiting for the bus when you arrived"

The boys told me \_\_\_\_\_

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5. "I'd never been there before"

She said \_\_\_\_\_

6. "I didn't want to go to the party with you"

Ken told Mary \_\_\_\_\_

7. "Lucy will come later"

I said \_\_\_\_\_

8. "I haven't eaten breakfast because I was late"

She told me \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. "I can help you tomorrow"

You told me \_\_\_\_\_

10. "You should go to bed early"

She told her son \_\_\_\_\_

11. "I don't like chocolate"

She told me \_\_\_\_\_

12. "I won't see you the day after tomorrow"

Tom's sister said \_\_\_\_\_

13. "She's living in Paris for a few months"

You said \_\_\_\_\_

14. "We visited our parents at the weekend"

They told him \_\_\_\_\_

15. "My friend Pit hasn't eaten sushi before"

Kevin said \_\_\_\_\_

16. "I hadn't travelled by underground before I came to London"

Mary said \_\_\_\_\_

17. "We may help you if you let us know"

Our neighbours said \_\_\_\_\_

18. "I'll do the washing-up when the soap opera finishes"

She told me \_\_\_\_\_

19. "My father didn't learn to read until he was twelve"

Dad said \_\_\_\_\_

20. "I was sleeping when Julie called"

She said \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Questions

Change these direct questions into reported speech:

1. "Where is he?"

She asked me \_\_\_\_\_

2. "What are you doing?"

She wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_

3. "Why did you go out last night?"

She asked her boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_

4. "Who was that beautiful woman?"

Joe wondered \_\_\_\_\_

5. "How is your mother?"

I asked Peter \_\_\_\_\_

6. "What are you going to do at the weekend?"

She asked her cousins \_\_\_\_\_

7. "Where will you live after graduation?"

You asked me \_\_\_\_\_

8. "What were you doing when we saw you?"

They asked him \_\_\_\_\_

9. "How was the journey?"

She wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_

10. "How often do you go to the cinema?"

The interviewer asked us \_\_\_\_\_

11. "Do you live in London?"

She asked me \_\_\_\_\_

12. "Did you arrive on time?"

I asked the students \_\_\_\_\_

13. "Have you been to Paris?"

She asked you \_\_\_\_\_

14. "Can you help me?"

Steve asked Sally \_\_\_\_\_

15. "Are you working tonight?"

The boss asked us \_\_\_\_\_

16. "Will you come later?"

Katy asked me \_\_\_\_\_

17. "Do you like coffee?"

She asked him \_\_\_\_\_

18. "Is this the road to the station?"

They wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_

19. "Did you do your homework?"

The teacher asked us \_\_\_\_\_

20. "When does Sally go on holiday?"

She asked me \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Requests and Orders

Change the direct speech into reported speech:

1. "Please help me carry this"

She asked me \_\_\_\_\_

2. "Please come early"

He \_\_\_\_\_

3. "Please buy some milk, Mary"

Mum \_\_\_\_\_

4. "Could you please open the window?"

The teacher \_\_\_\_\_

5. "Could you bring the book tonight, guys?"

I \_\_\_\_\_

6. "Dad, can you help me with my homework, please?"

The kid \_\_\_\_\_

7. "Would you bring me a cup of coffee, please?"

She \_\_\_\_\_

8. "Would you mind passing the salt?"

The old lady \_\_\_\_\_

9. "Would you mind lending me a pencil?"

My classmate \_\_\_\_\_

10. "I was wondering if you could possibly tell me the time, young lady?"

A man \_\_\_\_\_

11. "Do your homework!"

My teacher told me \_\_\_\_\_

12. "Go to bed, kids!"

The babysitter \_\_\_\_\_

13. "Don't be late, Tom!"

Dad \_\_\_\_\_

14. "Don't smoke!"

Her doctor \_\_\_\_\_

15. "Tidy your room!"

Mum \_\_\_\_\_

16. "Wait here, guys!"

The police officer \_\_\_\_\_

17. "Don't do that, little girl!"

I \_\_\_\_\_

18. "Eat your dinner!"

She \_\_\_\_\_

19. "Don't make a mess!"

Ricky \_\_\_\_\_

20. "Do the washing-up!"

Karen \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Mixed Reported Speech (Statements, Questions, Requests and Orders)

Change the direct speech into reported speech. Choose the past simple of 'ask', 'say' or 'tell':

1. "Don't do it!"

Tom \_\_\_\_\_

2. "I'm leaving tomorrow"

She \_\_\_\_\_

3. "Please get me a cup of tea, Mum"

My sister \_\_\_\_\_

4. "She got married last year"

They \_\_\_\_\_

5. "Be quick, girl!"

I \_\_\_\_\_

6. "Could you explain number four, please?"

The Maths teacher \_\_\_\_\_

7. "Where do you live, Ken?"

The boy \_\_\_\_\_

8. "We went to the cinema and then to a Chinese restaurant"

My friends \_\_\_\_\_

9. "I'll come and help you at twelve"

Samuel \_\_\_\_\_

10. "What are you doing tomorrow?"

My cousins \_\_\_\_\_

11. "Don't go!"

You \_\_\_\_\_

12. "Do you work in London, Louise?"

Her neighbour \_\_\_\_\_

13. "Could you tell me where the post office is?"

The women \_\_\_\_\_

14. "Come here!"

She \_\_\_\_\_

15. "We've never been to Wales"

Some friends \_\_\_\_\_

16. "Have you ever seen 'the Lord of the Rings'?"

She \_\_\_\_\_

17. "We don't like mushrooms"

They \_\_\_\_\_

18. "Don't be silly, boy!"

His mate \_\_\_\_\_

19. "Would you mind waiting a moment please?"

Joe \_\_\_\_\_

20. "How often do you play sport?"

The interviewer asked her \_\_\_\_\_

21. "Come quickly!"

Alice \_\_\_\_\_

22. "Did you arrive before seven?"

My parents \_\_\_\_\_

23. "How much food did the lions eat last week?"

The zookeeper \_\_\_\_\_

24. "You are the most beautiful girl I have ever seen".

He told me \_\_\_\_\_

25. "Don't touch!"

The security guard \_\_\_\_\_

26. "Let's go to the cinema tonight, shall we?"

My husband suggested \_\_\_\_\_

27. "We have a lift but very often it doesn't work."

They \_\_\_\_\_

28. "Please don't forget my book"

She \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Reported statements – Answers

1. She said (that) he worked in a bank.
2. Tom told me (that) they had gone out the night before.
3. My friend Rose said (that) she was coming.
4. The boys told me (that) they were waiting for the bus when I arrived.
5. She said (that) she had never been there before.
6. Ken told Mary (that) he didn't want/ hadn't wanted to go to the party with her.
7. I said (that) Lucy would come later.
8. She told me (that) she hadn't eaten breakfast because she was late.
9. You told me (that) you could help me the following day.
10. She told her son (that) he should go to bed early.
11. She told me (that) she didn't like chocolate.
12. Tom's sister said (that) she wouldn't see me in two days.
13. You said (that) she was living in Paris for a few months.
14. They told him (that) they had visited their parents at the weekend.
15. Kevin said (that) his friend Pit hadn't eaten sushi before.
16. Mary said (that) she hadn't travelled by underground before she came to London.
17. Our neighbours said (that) they might help us if we let them know.
18. She told me (that) she would do the washing-up when the soap opera finished.
19. Dad said (that) his father hadn't learnt to read when he was three.
20. She said (that) she had been sleeping when Julie called.

## 2. Reported Questions – Answers

1. She asked me where he was.
2. She wanted to know what I was doing.
3. She asked her boyfriend why he had gone out the previous night / the night before.
4. Joe wondered who that beautiful woman was.
5. I asked Peter how his mother was.
6. She asked her cousins what they were going to do at the weekend.
7. You asked me where I would live after graduation.
8. They asked him what he had been doing when they saw /had seen him.
9. She wanted to know how the journey had been.
10. The interviewer asked us how often we went to the cinema.
11. She asked me if I lived in London.
12. I asked the students if they had arrived on time.
13. She asked you if you had been to Paris.
14. Steve asked Sally if he could help her.
15. The boss asked us if we were working that night.
16. Katy asked me if I would come later.
17. She asked him if he liked coffee.
18. They wanted to know if this was the road to the station.
19. The teacher asked us if we had done our homework.
20. She asked me when Sally went on holiday.

### 3. Reported Orders and Requests – Answers

1. She asked me to help her carry that.
2. He asked me to come early.
3. Mum asked Mary to buy some milk.
4. The teacher asked me to open the window.
5. I asked the guys to bring the book that night.
6. The kid asked his dad to help him with his homework.
7. She asked me to bring her a cup of coffee.
8. The old lady asked me to pass the salt.
9. My classmate asked me to lend her/him a pencil.
10. A man asked a young lady to tell her the time.
11. My teacher told me to do my homework.
12. The babysitter told the kids to go to bed.
13. Dad told Tom not to be late.
14. Her doctor told her not to smoke.
15. Mum told me to tidy my room.
16. The police officer told the guys to wait there.
17. I told the little girl not to do that.
18. She told me to eat my dinner.
19. Ricky told me not to make a mess.
20. Karen told me to do the washing-up.

### 4. Mixed Reported Speech – Answers

1. Tom told me to do it.
2. She said (that) she was leaving the next day.
3. My sister asked Mum to get her a cup of tea.
4. They said (that) she got married last year.
5. I told the girl to be quick.
6. The Maths teacher asked me to explain number four.
7. The boy asked Ken where he lived.
8. My friends said (that) they had been to the cinema and then to a Chinese restaurant.
9. Samuel said (that) he would come and help me at twelve.
10. My cousins asked me what I was doing the day after.
11. You told me not to go.
12. Her neighbour asked her if I worked in London.
13. The women asked me to tell them where the post office was. //  
The women asked me if I could tell them where the post office was.
14. She told me to come there.
15. Some friends said (that) they had never been to Wales.
16. She asked me if I had ever seen ‘The Lord of the Rings’.
17. They said (that) they didn't like mushrooms.
18. His mate told him not to be silly.
19. Joe asked me to wait a moment. //  
Joe asked me if I would mind waiting a moment.
20. The interviewer asked her how often she played sport.
21. Alice told me to come quickly.
22. My parents asked me if I had arrived before seven.
23. The zookeeper asked how much food the lions had eaten the previous week / the week before.
24. He told me I was the most beautiful girl he had ever seen.
25. She told me not to touch.
26. My husband suggested going to the cinema that night. //  
My husband suggested that we go to the cinema that night.
27. She said (that) they had never been to Scotland until last year.
28. She asked me not to forget her book.