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Reported Speech (2)

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6. Reporting Questions:

- With reporting questions, we often use "**if**" or "**whether**" and change the word order.

She asked, "Are you going to the movies?" → She asked if/whether I was going to the movies.

- Sometimes we use 'Wh' word with 'information questions.

They **said** to me, "Where are you going?" → They **asked** me where I was going.

Note 7/ With reporting questions, we don't use auxiliary verbs

The form of reported speech in (WH-question)

WH + subject + auxiliary verb

Note 8/ With reporting questions and if the reporting verb includes object pronoun, we change "**told, said**", into "**asked**. If there is no object pronoun, we can use "**asked or wonder**".

Note 9/ we omit the preposition "**to**" from the reporting verb.

-He *said to me*, "What did you do?" → He *asked* me what I had done.

-We *say*, "When have they left." → We *wonder* when they have left.

-I *said to her*, "Where were you?" → I *asked* her where she had been.

-She *said to him*, "What is your name?" → She *asked* him what his name was.

-They *said to us*, "Which one will you select?" → They *asked* us which one we would select.

-They *said to me*, "Shall we go with you?" → They *asked me* if they would go with me.

-They *said to us*, "Are you playing football with us?" → They *asked us* if we were playing football with them.

-I *said to him*, "Have they selected football the team?" → I *asked him* if they had selected football the team.

Note 10/ If there are the auxiliary verbs "do, did, does" in the indirect speech, we omit them.

-He said to her, "*Does* he speak English?" → He asked her *if* he spoke English.

7. Reporting Commands:

• With reporting commands, we use the infinitive form of the verb (with "to").

-He said, "Close the door." → He told me to close the door.

-The boy said to the teacher: Please explain this again → The boy requested the teacher to explain that again.

-They said to her, "write these sentence". → They told her to write these sentences.

Note 11/ In command sentence, it is important to change 'say' or 'said' to 'told' or 'advised' or 'ordered' and we omit 'to' before the 'object' in the reporting verb and we add 'to' before the verb which is between the quotation marks.

-He *said* to her " don't be angry" → He *advised* her not to be angry.

-She *said* " don't do this" → She *ordered* not to do this

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She said _____

2. "We went out last night"

She told me _____

3. "I'm coming!"

She said _____

4. "I was waiting for the bus when he arrived"

She told me _____

5. "I'd never been there before"

She said _____

6. "I didn't go to the party"

She told me _____

7. "Lucy will come later"

She said _____

8. "He hasn't eaten breakfast"

She told me _____

9. "I can help you tomorrow"

She said _____

10. "You should go to bed early"

She told me _____

11. "I don't like chocolate"

She told me _____

12. "I won't see you tomorrow"

She said _____

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

She said _____

14. "I visited my parents at the weekend"

She told me _____

15. "She hasn't eaten sushi before"

She said _____

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

She said _____

17. "They would help if they could"

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18. "I'll do the washing-up later"

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20. "I was sleeping when Julie called"

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1. "Please help me carry this"

She asked me _____

2. "Please come early"

She _____

3. "Please buy some milk"

She _____

4. "Could you please open the window?"

She _____

5. "Could you bring the book tonight?"

She _____

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

She _____

8. "Would you mind passing the salt?"

She _____

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

She

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

She _____

11. "Do your homework!"

She told me _____

12. "Go to bed!"

She _____

13. "Don't be late!"

She _____

14. "Don't smoke!"

She _____

15. "Tidy your room!"

She _____

16. "Wait here!"

She _____

17. "Don't do that!"

She _____

18. "Eat your dinner!"

She _____

19. "Don't make a mess!"

She _____

20. "Do the washing-up!"

She _____