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Practicing Reported Speech (Answers)

I. Change the sentences to reported speech. Use formal sequence of tenses.

1. Tom said, "I am busy." → Tom said that he WAS busy.
2. Tom said, "I need some help." → Tom said that he NEEDED some help.
3. Tom said, "I am having a good time." → Tom said that he WAS HAVING a good time.
4. Tom said, "I have finished my work." → Tom said that he HAD FINISHED his work.
5. Tom said, "I finished it an hour ago." → Tom said that he HAD FINISHED it an hour ago.
6. Tom said, "I will arrive at noon." → Tom said that he WOULD ARRIVE at noon.
7. Tom said, "I am going to be there at noon." → Tom said that he WAS GOING TO BE there at noon.
8. Tom said, "I can solve that problem." → Tom said that he COULD SOLVE that problem.
9. Tom said, "I may come early." → Tom said that he MIGHT COME early.
10. Tom said, "I might come early." → Tom said that he MIGHT COME early.
11. Tom said, "I must leave at eight." → Tom said that he HAD TO LEAVE at eight.
12. Tom said, "I have to leave at eight." → Tom said that he HAD TO LEAVE at eight.
13. Tom said, "I should go to the library." → Tom said that he SHOULD LEAVE to the library.
14. Tom said, "I ought to go to the library." → Tom said that he OUGHT TO GO to the library.
15. Tom said, "Stay here." → Tom told me TO STAY here.
16. Tom said, "Don't move." → Tom told me NOT TO MOVE.
17. Tom said, "Are you comfortable?" → Tom asked me if I WAS comfortable.
18. Tom said, "When did you arrive?" → Tom asked me when I HAD ARRIVED.

II. Complete the sentences by changing the sentences to reported speech. Use formal sequence of tenses as appropriate. (Pay attention to whether the reporting verb is past or present.)

1. *I asked Martha, "Are you planning to enter law school?"*
I asked Martha IF SHE WAS PLANNING to enter law school.
2. *Ed just asked me, "What time does the movie begin?"*
Ed wants to know WHAT TIME THE MOVIE BEGINS.
3. *Fred asked, "Can we still get tickets for the concert?"*
Fred asked IF THEY COULD STILL GET tickets for the concert.
4. *Thomas said to us, "How can I help you?"*
Thomas wanted to know HOW HE COULD HELP us.
5. *Eva asked, "Can you help me, John?"*
Eva asked John IF HE COULD HELP her.
6. *Charles said, "When will the final decision be made?"*
Charles wanted to know WHEN THE FINAL DECISION WOULD BE MADE.

7. Frank asked Elizabeth, "Where have you been all afternoon?"
Frank asked Elizabeth WHERE SHE HAD BEEN all afternoon.
8. Bill just said, "What is Kim's native language?"
Bill wants to know WHAT KIM'S NATIVE LANGUAGE IS.
9. Yesterday Ron said to Bob, "What's the problem?"
Ron asked Bob WHAT THE PROBLEM WAS.
10. I asked myself, "Am I doing the right thing?"
I wondered IF I WAS DOING the right thing.
11. All of the farmers are asking, "When is this terrible drought going to end?"
All of the farmers are wondering WHEN THIS TERRIBLE DROUGHT IS GOING to end.
12. George asked me, "What time do I have to be at the laboratory in the morning?"
George asked me WHAT TIME HE HAD to be at the laboratory in the morning.
13. Beth asked, "Who should I give this message to?"
Beth asked me WHO SHE SHOULD GIVE THAT MESSAGE TO.
14. Our tour guide said, "We'll be leaving around 7:00 in the morning."
Our tour guide told us THAT WE WOULD BE LEAVING around 7:00 in the morning.
15. Nancy asked, "Why didn't you call me?"
Nancy wanted to know WHY I HADN'T CALLED her.

III. Complete the sentences using the information in the dialogue. Use past verb forms in the noun clauses if appropriate and possible.

1. Joanne asked me, "Do you know Dave Clark?"
"Yes," I replied. "I've known him for many years. Why do you want to know?"
Joanne asked me if I KNEW Dave Clark. I replied that I HAD KNOWN him for many years and asked her why she WANTED to know.
2. I asked Mary, "Why do you still smoke?"
Mary replied, "I've tried to quit many times, but I just don't seem to be able to."
When I asked Mary why she SMOKED, she replied that she HAD TRIED to quit many times, but she just DIDN'T SEEM to be able to.
3. The teacher asked, "Bobby, what is the capital of Australia?"
Bobby replied, "I'm not sure, but I think it's Sydney."
Yesterday in class, Bobby's teacher asked him WHAT THE CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA WAS. He answered that he WASN'T sure, but that he THOUGHT IT WAS Sydney.
4. The children inquired of their father, "Will we be able to visit the Air and Space Museum and the Natural History Museum, too?"
Their father said, "We will if we leave the hotel before 10 o'clock tomorrow morning."
The children asked their father whether they WOULD BE able to visit the Air and Space Museum and the Natural History Museum, too. He told them they WOULD if they LEFT the hotel before 10 o'clock the next morning.

5. *I told Jenny, "It's pouring outside. You'd better take an umbrella."*

Jenny said, "It'll stop soon. I don't need one."

I told Jenny that it WAS POURING outside and that she HAD BETTER TAKE an umbrella. However, Jenny said she thought the rain WOULD STOP soon and that she DIDN'T NEED one.

6. *"Where are you going, Ann?" I asked.*

"I'm on my way to the market," she replied. "Do you want to come with me?"

"I'd like to, but I have to stay home. I have a lot of work to do."

"Okay," Ann said. "Is there anything I can pick up for you at the market?"

"How about a few bananas? And some apples if they're fresh?"

"Sure. I'd be happy to."

When I asked Ann where she WAS GOING, she said she WAS on her way to the market and ASKED/INVITED me to come with her. I said I WOULD LIKE to, but that I HAD to stay home because I HAD a lot of work to do. Ann kindly asked me if there WAS anything she COULD pick up for me at the market. I asked her to pick up a few bananas and some apples if they WERE fresh. She said she'd be happy to.

7. *"Where are you from?" asked the passenger sitting next to me on the plane.*

"Chicago," I said.

"That's nice. I'm from Mapleton. It's a small town in northern Michigan. Have you heard of it?"

"Oh yes, I have," I said. "Michigan is a beautiful state. I've been there on vacation many times."

"Were you in Michigan on vacation this year?"

"No. I went far away from home this year. I went to India," I replied.

"Oh, that's nice. Is it a long drive from Chicago to India?" she asked me. My mouth fell open. I didn't know how to respond. Some people certainly need to study geography.

The passenger sitting next to me on the plane ASKED me where I WAS from. I TOLD her I WAS from Chicago. She SAID that she WAS from Mapleton, a small town in northern Michigan. She wondered if I HAD HEARD of it, and I told her that I HAD. I went on to say that I thought Michigan WAS a beautiful state and explained that I HAD BEEN there on vacation many times. She ASKED me if I HAD in Michigan on vacation this year. I replied that I HADN'T and TOLD her that I HAD GONE far away, to India. Then she asked me if it WAS a long drive from Chicago to India! My mouth fell open. I didn't know how to respond. Some people certainly need to study geography.

- IV. Restate the given sentences. Choose the most appropriate reporting verb in parentheses. Make it active or passive as appropriate. Include an infinitive in the completion and any other necessary words.

EXAMPLE 1: The teacher said to Jim, "Would you give your book to Mary, please?"
(ask, tell, order)

The teacher ASKED JIM TO GIVE his book to Mary.

EXAMPLE 2. The sign said, "No parking in this area. Violators will be towed away."
(*invite, warn, force*)
Drivers were WARNED NOT TO PARK in the area.

1. Before Bobby went to bed, his father said, "Don't forget to brush your teeth."
(*invite, allow, remind*)
Before Bobby went to bed, his father REMINDED HIM TO BRUSH his teeth.
2. Under the law, drivers and all passengers must wear seat belts while in a moving vehicle.
(*encourage, require, permit*)
Drivers and passengers ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR seat belts while in a moving vehicle.
3. When I asked the nurse about my skin rash, she said, "You should consult a dermatologist."
(*ask, permit, advise*)
The nurse ADVISED ME TO SEE/CONSULT a dermatologist.
4. The fire chief said, "Everyone must leave the building immediately."
(*order, remind, allow*)
Everyone WAS ORDERED TO LEAVE the building immediately.
5. The instructor said to the students, "You will have exactly one hour to complete the exam."
(*order, expect, warn*)
The students WERE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE the exam in one hour.
6. *Because he forgot last year, I told my husband several times that he should buy some flowers for his mother on Mother's Day.*
(*remind, require, allow*)
I REMINDED MY HUSBAND TO BUY some flowers for his mother on Mother's Day.
7. My garage mechanic said, "You should get a tune-up every 5,000 miles."
(*ask, order, advise*)
My garage mechanic ADVISED ME TO GET a tune-up every 5,000 miles.
8. *The factory manager said to the employees, "Do not come late. If you do, you will lose your jobs."*
(*ask, warn, encourage*)
The employees WERE WARNED NOT TO COME late.
9. The sign on the side door says, "Do not enter," so we have to use a different door.
(*ask, permit, force*)
Nobody IS PERMITTED TO ENTER the side door.
10. The little girl said to her father, "Daddy, I really like this tricycle. Can we buy it?"
(*require, ask, advise*)
The little girl ASKED HER FATHER TO BUY the tricycle for her.
11. We often told our grandfather, "Your experiences as a sailor in the navy were fascinating. You should write a book about them."
(*remind, encourage, require*)
We ENCOURAGED OUR GRANDFATHER TO WRITE a book about his experiences in the navy.
12. The judge said to the defendant, "You must not shout in the courtroom again."
(*ask, order, encourage*)
The defendant WAS ORDERED NOT TO SHOUT in the courtroom again.

- V. Report what the speakers say by using a verb from the following list and an infinitive phrase. Use each verb in the list only once. Make your sentence passive if the speaker is not specifically identified. VERBS: *advise, ask, invite, remind, allow, encourage, order, warn.*

EXAMPLE: During the water shortage, someone in authority said to the public, "Curtail your use of water as much as possible."

DURING THE WATER SHORTAGE, THE PUBLIC WAS ASKED TO CURTAIL ITS USE OF WATER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

1. Laura said to her roommate, "Don't forget to set your alarm clock for 6:00."
LAURA REMINDED HER ROOMMATE TO SET HIS/HER ALARM CLOCK FOR 6:00.
2. The doctor said to my father, "It would be best if you limited your sugar consumption."
THE DOCTOR ADVISED MY FATHER TO LIMIT HIS SUGAR CONSUMPTION.
3. My parents often said to me, "Good for you! It's good to be independent!"
MY PARENTS OFTEN ENCOURAGED ME TO BE INDEPENDENT.
4. Someone said to the children, "Don't swim in the lake without an adult present."
THE CHILDREN WERE WARNED NOT TO SWIM IN THE LAKE WITHOUT AN ADULT PRESENT.
5. The police officer shouted to the reckless driver, "Pull over!"
THE POLICE OFFICER ORDERED THE RECKLESS DRIVER TO PULL OVER.
6. Rose said to Jerry, "I'd like you to come to my house Sunday night to meet my parents."
ROSE INVITED JERRY TO GO TO HER HOUSE SUNDAY NIGHT TO MEET HER PARENTS.