

Reported Speech

1. Your teacher has given you these orders. Rewrite them in reported speech.

1. You must do your homework every day!
2. Could you please bring your textbooks to school every day?
3. You mustn't eat in class!
4. Please, don't be late for school.
5. Can you give this letter to your parents, please?
6. You must be quiet in class!.
7. Don't run in the corridors!
8. Study for the exam next week!

2. Rewrite these questions in reported speech.

1. "Have you been to England before?" she asked me.
2. "Are you going to visit the cathedral?" she wanted to know.
3. "How old are you?" he asked me.
4. "How long are you going to stay in this village?" the barman asked us.
5. "When did you arrive?" the receptionist asked him.

3. Rewrite these statements in reported speech starting as shown.

1. "We liked Paris very much". The American couple said ...
2. "Can you do me a favour tonight?". Jim asked me
3. "I can't go to your birthday party next Saturday". Sylvia told us...
4. "It will probably snow later today". The weather forecast said that ...
5. "My husband hasn't booked the hotel yet". Mrs Taylor said that...

4. Write in reported speech.

1. She said "I've found my keys!"
2. They asked me "Did you see Tom at the cinema last night?"
3. He asked me "Do you know where the post office is?"
4. "Her parents are getting married next Friday" she assured us.
5. The news said "There has been a big earthquake in Japan".
6. "Stop making so much noise!" the mother said to the children.
7. "Pam visited us yesterday" Pete said.
8. I told them "I was late for work this morning".
9. The criminal confessed "Yes, I lied to the police".
10. Their friends told them "We are going to be a bit late next Monday".

Answers

1. Your teacher has given you these orders. Rewrite them in reported speech.

1. He/she told me to do my homework every day.
2. to bring my textbooks to school every day.
3. not to eat in class.
4. not to be late for school.
5. to give that letter to my parents.
6. to be quiet in class.
7. not to run in the corridors.
8. to study for the exam the following week.

2. Rewrite these questions in reported speech.

1. She asked me if I had been to England before. .
2. She wanted to know if I was / we were going to visit the cathedral..
3. He asked me how old I was.
4. The barman asked us how long we were going to stay in that village.
5. The receptionist asked him when he had arrived.

3. Rewrite these statements in reported speech starting as shown.

1. The American couple said that they had liked Paris very much.
2. Jim asked me if I could do him a favour that night.
3. Sylvia told us that she couldn't go/come to our birthday party the following Saturday.
4. The weather forecast said that it would probably rain later that day.
5. Mrs Taylor said that her husband hadn't booked the hotel yet.

4. Write in reported speech.

1. She said that she had found her keys.
2. They asked me if I had seen Tom at the cinema the night before / the previous night.
3. He asked me if I knew where the post office was.
4. She assured us that her parents were getting married the following Friday.
5. The news said that there had been a big earthquake in Japan.
6. The mother said to the children to stop making so much noise.
7. Pete said that Pam had visited them the day before / the previous day.
8. I told them that I had been late for work that morning.
9. The criminal confessed that he had lied to the police.
10. Their friends told them that they were going to be a bit late the following Monday.