

Optative sentences are those which **express hope, wish, prayer**. These sentences take *an exclamation mark either after an interjection or at the end of sentence*.

Let's look at the **examples**:

- She said, "May God be on your side!"
- Old man said, "Would that I were young again!"

Now, let's change above optative sentences into indirect speech.

- She prayed that God might be on my side.
- Old man wished that he were young again.

Reported Speech Rules for Optative Sentences

- Rule 1 – understand the context of sentence

Understanding context of sentence is very necessary in order to change in indirect narration or speech. Such as if there is context of prayer or wishes and greeting is expressed in sentence

1. She said, “May God bless her soul!” (**Context = Pray**)
2. I said, “If I was a bird!” (**Context = Wish**)
3. Teacher said, “You can go!” (**Context = Allow**)
4. Student said, “May I go ma’am?” (**Context = asking permission**)

What are Optative Sentences?

- A. express hope, wish, prayer
- B. express surprise
- C. express anger
- D. express doubt

Conversion of “Said” in optative sentence

Optative words	'Said' is replaced with
Would that	Wished
May/ May God	Prayed
Would that	Wished
O that/O for	Wished
Good morning	Wished
Good night	Bade

PRACTICE

He said to his son, “May you live long !”

- A). He told his son that he might live long.
- B). He prayed that his son might live long.
- C). He prayed, his son might live long.
- D). He wished his son might live long.

He said, “ Everything will be fine!”

- A. He wished that everything would be fine.
- B. He wished that everything will be fine.
- C. He wished everything would be fine.

Imperative sentences beginning with **let** are different from other imperative sentences.

Sentences beginning with let express ideas such as a suggestion, proposal, request, wish, determination, desire etc.

Examples :

Direct: He said, "Let me go."

Indirect: He requested to let him go.

Direct: He said, "Let's take him to the doctor."

Indirect: He suggested that they should take him to the doctor.

PRACTICE

He said, "Let us wait for the award."

- A). He requested that they should wait for the award.
- B). He told that they should wait for the award.
- C). He proposed that they should wait for the award.
- D). He asked them to wait for the award.

The police inspector said, "Let no one leave this room."

- A) The police inspector ordered that no one should leave the room.
- B) The police inspector ordered no one should leave the room.

Examples

Direct: The captain said, “Let’s have a race and see who the fastest is.”

Indirect: The captain proposed that they should have a race and who the fastest was.

Direct: The boy said to his father, “Let me play now.”

Indirect: The boy requested his father to let him play then.

PRACTICE

1. He said, "I have bought a new car."

A. He said that I have bought a new car.

B. He said I have bought a new car.

C. He said that he had bought a new car.

2. She said, "It is cool today."

A. She said that it was cool that day.

B. She said that it was cool today.

C. She said it was cold that day.

PRACTICE

3. He said, "I have to listen my favorite program."

A. He said that I have to listen my favorite program.

B. He said that he had to listen his favorite program.

C. He said that he has to listen his favorite program.

4. They said, "The news of his death shook us."

A. They said that the news of his death shook them.

B. They said that the news of his death had shaken them.

C. They said that the news of his death have shaken them.

PRACTICE

5. I said, "It is better to plan together."

A. I said it is better to plan together.

B. I suggested that it was better to plan together.

C. I said that it is better plan together.

6. Maria Said, "I am worried today."

A. Maria said that I am worried today.

B. Maria told that she was worried that day.

C. Maria told that I am worried that day.

PRACTICE

7. She said, "The result will come tomorrow."

- A. She said that the result will be coming tomorrow.
- B. She told that the result would come the next day.
- C. She told that the result would have come next day.

8. I said, "I took few mcqs tests."

- A. I said that I took few mcqs tests.
- B. I said that I had taken few mcqs tests.
- C. I said that I have taken few mcqs tests.

PRACTICE

9. They said, "Our school has provided us English grammar notes."

A. They said our school has provided us English grammar notes.

B. They said that their school had provided them English grammar notes.

C. They said that our school has provided them English grammar notes.

10. She said, "I can easily pass this reported speech practice test."

A. She said that she could easily pass that reported speech practice test.

B. She told that she could easily pass that reported speech practice test.

C. She said that she can easily pass that reported speech practice test.

PRACTICE

11. Maria said to me, "I may go to Italy next week."

- A. Maria said to me that she might go to Italy next week.
- B. Maria told me that she might go to Italy the coming week.
- C. Maria told me that she might go Italy the next week.

12. She said, "I must call my brother now."

- A. She said that I must call my brother now.
- B. She said that she had to call her brother then.
- C. She said that she had to call my brother now.

PRACTICE

13. He said, "I should start new English coaching classes."

A. He said that he should start new English coaching classes.

B. He said that I should start new English coaching classes.

C. He said that I had to start new English coaching classes.

14. She said, "I might plan a visit to my village tomorrow."

A. She said that she might plan a visit to her village the next day.

B. She said that she might plan a visit to my village tomorrow.

C. She told that she might be planning to visit my village tomorrow.