

UNIT 15. LESSON 23

REPORTED SPEECH

Exercise 1. Complete the sentences in reported speech. Note whether the sentence is a request, a statement or a question.

1. He said, "I like this song."
→ He said _____
2. "Where is your sister?" she asked me.
→ She asked me _____
3. "I don't speak Italian," she said.
→ She said _____
4. "Say hello to Jim," they said.
→ They asked me
5. "The film began at seven o'clock," he said.
→ He said
6. "Don't play on the grass, boys," she said.
→ She told the boys
7. "Where have you spent your money?" she asked him.
→ She asked him
8. "I never make mistakes," he said.
→ He said
9. "Does she know Robert?" he wanted to know.
→ He wanted to know
10. "Don't try this at home," the stuntman told the audience.
→ The stuntman advised the audience

Exercise 2. Change as directed

Read the following sentences and change them into reported speech.

1. Mimi said, "I have been writing this letter."
2. I said, "Sam's driving the car."
3. My uncle said, "I am cooking lunch."
4. My brother said, "I had already eaten."
5. The old lady said to the girl, "Where do you come from?"
6. Jon said, "I like to play rugby."
7. My mother said, "I get up early every morning."
8. The maths teacher said, "Three divided by three is one."
9. Mohit said, "Switzerland is a very beautiful country."
10. Ruben said, "It is very cold outside."
11. The teacher said, "The French Revolution took place in 1789."
12. Uma said, "I saw a Royal Bengal Tiger in the zoo."
13. Luke said, "I can do this homework."

14. Aswini said to her mother, “I have passed the test”.
15. Daphne said to Antony, “I will go to London tomorrow.”
16. The boy said, “My father is sleeping.”
17. The traffic police said to us, “Where are you going?”
18. The man shouted, “Let me go.”
19. Shivina said, “Alas! I am lost.”
20. “I know her contact number,” said Helena.
21. Stefen said, “My granny is making pasta.”
22. Raj said to Simran, “Have you ever been to the National Museum?”
23. Anish said to Sid, “Please lend me the book.”
24. The teacher said to the parents, “Shelly is working very hard.”
25. Joshua said, “I have completed my assignment.”
26. I said to Alka, “How long will you stay here?”
27. The child told his dad, “I want an ice cream.”
28. Meera said, “I am not feeling well.”
29. The teacher said to Vivek, “Draw the diagram of the plant’s parts.”
30. Irin said, “I am playing the piano.”
31. My mother said to me, “Help me carry this bag.”
32. Rahul said, “My sister is very helpful.”
33. The news reporter said, “The flight will be delayed by a few hours due to heavy rains.”
34. Urmi said to her mother, “I want a slice of pizza.”
35. I said to Daniel, “Are you reading this book?”

Exercise 3. Read the dialogue and report it as direct speech.

- Fred** I read a really good detective story recently.
- Liz** I can’t stand detective stories. I’m reading a horror story.
- Fred** I like horror stories too. I read part of *Frankenstein* in the summer holidays. My parents gave it to me for my birthday.
- Liz** I didn’t enjoy *Frankenstein*.
- Fred** I think it’s brilliant.
- Liz** The ending isn’t very good.
- Fred** I don’t want to know the ending.
- Liz** I’m not going to tell you!
- Fred said that 1 ...*he had read a good detective story recently*.....
- Liz said that 2.....
- She said that 3.....
- Fred said that 4.....
- He said that 5.....
- He said that 6.....
- Liz said that 7.....
- Fred said that 8.....
- Liz said that 9.....
- Fred said that 10.....
- Liz said that 11.....

LISTENING EXERCISE

Listen and report what the people say. Use the correct tense and pronouns.

1 *He said he was tired.*

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