

Indirect speech: commands

(Section C) The following sentences are direct speech:

Don't wait for me if I'm late.

Will you marry me?

Hurry up!

Can you open your bag, please?

Mind your own business.

Please slow down!

Could you repeat what you said, please?

Don't worry, Sue.

Do you think you could give me a hand, Tom?

Now choose one of these to complete each sentence below. Use reported speech.

- 1 Bill was taking a long time to get ready, so I ... told him to hurry up. ...
- 2 Sarah was driving too fast, so I asked
- 3 Sue was very pessimistic about the situation. I told
- 4 I couldn't move the piano alone, so I
- 5 The customs officer looked at me suspiciously and
- 6 I had difficulty understanding him, so I
- 7 I didn't want to delay Ann, so I
- 8 John was very much in love with Mary, so he
- 9 He started asking me personal questions, so

Put the following into indirect speech.

- 1 He said, 'Get out of my way.'
- 2 'Climb in through the window,' he ordered.
- 3 'Please pay at the desk,' said the assistant.
- 4 'Open your bag, please,' said the store detective.
- 5 'Don't worry about anything, Mrs Pitt,' said her solicitor. 'Leave it all to me.'
- 6 'Don't use bent coins in a slot machine,' I advised him.
- 7 'Follow that car,' the detective said to the taxi-driver.
- 8 'Wash it in lukewarm water,' recommended the assistant.
- 9 'Have confidence in me,' urged the doctor.
- 10 'Take me up to the 33rd floor,' he said to the liftman.
- 11 'Read the notice about life-saving equipment,' advised the air-hostess.
- 12 'Always cook with butter,' said her mother, 'never use margarine.'
- 13 'Don't argue with your father,' I said.
- 14 'Don't make a sound,' he said in a whisper.
- 15 'Wait for me at the bridge,' said the young man.
- 16 'Don't eat too much starch,' I advised her, 'and avoid fried food.'
- 17 'Don't say anything to make her angry,' said my father.
- 18 Notice: Please do not ask at the desk for change for telephone calls.
- 19 'Don't forget to feed the goldfish,' Mary said to her brother.
- 20 'Get your dog a bigger basket,' he said.
- 21 'Write to me as often as you can,' said his wife.
- 22 'Put your pistol on the table,' said the crook.
- 23 'Please book me a seat in a non-smoker,' said the traveller.
- 24 'Don't forget your sandwiches,' said his mother.
- 25 'Don't go near the water, children,' she said.
- 26 'Search the house,' said the police sergeant.
- 27 'Don't make mountains out of molehills,' he said.
- 28 'Put down that gun. It's loaded,' he said.