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Direct and Reported Speech Worksheet

Before you practice using this worksheet, be sure to review [the article on direct and reported speech](#) on our website.

Exercise A: Changes in pronouns and place and time words

Write the correct words in the blanks to complete the reported speech.

1. Tom says, "I really like this book I bought yesterday."

Tom said _____ really liked _____ book he bought _____.

2. Marty says, "I am practicing for my race."

Marty said _____ was practicing for _____ race.

3. John says, "This angry little dog is always here waiting for me!"

John said _____ angry little dog was always _____ waiting for _____.

4. Erica says, "I will go to my favorite spot to read this afternoon."

Erica said _____ would go to _____ favorite spot to read _____ afternoon.

5. Zack says, "I can share some of my soda with you."

Zack said _____ could share some of _____ soda with _____.

6. Nora says, "Our cow will be milked tomorrow."

Nora said _____ cow would be milked _____.

7. Penny says, "I am scared to step on the ice here."

Penny said _____ was scared to step on the ice _____.

8. Henry says, "I am tired because my baby cried a lot last night."

Henry said _____ was tired because _____ baby cried a lot _____.

9. Paul says, "I think I have something on the bottom of my shoe."

Paul said _____ thought _____ had something on the bottom of _____ shoe.

10. Aaron says, "I am nervous about the meeting with my supervisor in two weeks."

Aaron said _____ was nervous about the meeting with _____ supervisor _____.

Exercise B: Tense backshift

Complete the sentence with reported speech using the appropriate tense backshift.

1. Bill says, "I have some really great ideas for the project."

Bill said he _____ some really great ideas for the project.

2. Natalie says, "I checked the tires before buying the car."

Natalie says she _____ the tires before buying the car.

3. Amanda says, "I will make breakfast for you in the morning."

Amanda said she _____ breakfast for us in the morning.

4. James says, "Everyone should look at the beautiful view!"

James said everyone _____ look at the beautiful view.

5. Janet says, "I am working on my serve."

Janet said she _____ on her serve.

6. Nate says, "I can tell you all about the new employee."

Nate said he _____ us all about the new employee.

7. Olivia says, "I will be performing in a new opera next month."

Olivia said she _____ in a new opera the following month.

8. Julia says, "I have studied biology, chemistry, and nutrition."

Julia said she _____ biology, chemistry, and nutrition.

9. Miles says, "I was running around all afternoon trying to get everything done!"

Miles said he _____ around all afternoon trying to get everything done.

10. Ian says, "I had figured out the mystery before anyone else."

Ian said he _____ out the mystery before anyone else.

Exercise C: Reporting questions, orders, and requests

Fill in the blanks to correctly report the sentences WITHOUT using the tense backshift. (You will need to put more than one word in each space.)

1. Felicity says, "Visit me again soon."

Felicity said _____ her again soon.

2. Eric asks, "Where is the museum?"

Eric asked _____.

3. The coach says, "Do not stop, Caroline!"

The coach told Caroline _____.

4. Dad says, "Help me organize the closet!"

Dad said _____ him organize the closet.

5. Harriet asks, "How many cups do they have?"

Harriet asked _____.

6. Mom says, "Do not worry about one bad grade."

Mom said _____ about one bad grade.

7. June says, "Help me with the groceries!"

June said _____ her with the groceries.

8. Rose asks, "What time is the concert?"

Rose asked _____.

9. Nancy says, "File all of these documents before 6:00."

Nancy said _____ all of these documents before 6:00.

10. Howard says, "Please make me some strong coffee."

Howard told me _____ him some strong coffee.

Answer Key

A.

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2. Marty said he was practicing for his race.
3. John said that angry little dog was always there waiting for him.
4. Erica said she would go to her favorite spot to read that afternoon.
5. Zack said he could share some of his soda with me / us.
6. Nora said their cow would be milked the next day.
7. Penny said she was scared to step on the ice there.
8. Henry said he was tired because his baby cried a lot the night before.
9. Paul said he thought he had something on the bottom of his shoe.
10. Aaron said he has so nervous about the meeting with his supervisor two weeks later.

B.

1. Bill said he had some really great ideas for the project.
2. Natalie says she had checked the tires before buying the car.
3. Amanda said she would make breakfast for us in the morning.
4. James said everyone should look at the beautiful view.
5. Janet said she was working on her serve.
6. Nate said he could us all about the new employee.
7. Olivia said she would be performing in a new opera the following month.

8. Julia said she **had studied** biology, chemistry, and nutrition.
9. Miles said he **had been running** around all afternoon trying to get everything done.
10. Ian said he **had figured** out the mystery before anyone else.

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1. Felicity said **to visit** her again soon.
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6. Mom said **not to worry** about one bad grade.
7. June said **to help** her with the groceries.
8. Rose asked **what time the concert is**.
9. Nancy said **to file** all of these documents before 6:00.
10. Howard told me **to make** him some strong coffee.

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