

1. Rewrite the following sentences into reported speech.

1. 'Don't leave the room without permission,' said his mother.
2. 'How many sleeping pills have you taken?' the doctor asked her.
3. 'Did your mother really give you the money or did you steal it?' asked his teacher.
4. 'I'm afraid we did not get your letter,' they said to Tim.
5. 'I'm going out now, but I'll be in by nine,' she said.
6. 'I'm living with my parents at present, but I hope to have a flat of my own soon,' she said.
7. 'I usually take my dog for a walk when I come back from work,' he explained.
8. 'Please, don't do anything you may regret,' his mother said.
9. 'Don't be so rude! Leave the room immediately,' his mother said.
10. 'What are you going to do with your old car?' we asked him.
11. 'Does anyone want tickets for the boxing match?' he said.
12. 'How do you get on with your girlfriend's friends?' they asked me.
13. 'Wait until they send you the application forms,' he said to me.
14. 'Do you seriously think you can pass this exam? You've hardly studied!' his teacher said.

2. Complete with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. He threatened(tell) our parents.
2. We apologised(not call) earlier.
3. He insisted (drive) us to the station
4. I suggested that they..... (call) their parents
5. They promised(not do) it again.
6. He ordered us.....(leave) the premises
7. We refused.....(take) him to the doctor
8. He denied (send) that e-mail
9. They accused him.....(spy) on them
10. She begged him(not let) them come in
11. I offered (take) him to the station
12. They agreed (wait) until the next day.
13. He refused(tell) us where he lived.
14. She reminded us(lock) all the windows.
15. They thanked us(look) after the baby.

16. He warned us (not touch) the cable.

REPORTED SPEECH

Rewrite the following sentences using the verbs provided.

1. 'I didn't have enough time to finish the work.'
Barbara complained...
2. 'You should tell Sam how you feel.'
My best friend advised me...
3. 'I'm sorry I didn't get there on time.'
She apologised...
4. 'I assure you I did not take the money.'
The boy denied...
5. 'Don't use the lift if there is a fire.'
The fireman warned us...
6. 'Where will you be if we need you?'
My mother wanted to know...
7. 'You should stay in and get some rest.'
My mum suggested...
8. 'Don't speak to them unless they speak to you first.'
The assistant told them...
9. 'Fine. I'll let you borrow the camera for the weekend.'
Sara agreed...
10. 'You must hand in your compositions by Monday.'
The teacher said...

REPORTED SPEECH

STATEMENTS

1. "We are grateful to you for all that you've done for us," they said to me.
2. "My sister is going to have a baby. She's three months pregnant," she explained,
3. He doesn't know his biological parents. He was brought up in an orphanage," his friend said.
4. He has never worked in his life. He's the most spoilt person I know,"
5. "People have been dumping their rubbish here for years," he complained.
6. "I didn't realise you weren't Spanish," John said.
7. "We didn't go home. We went straight to the theatre," they said.
8. "He logged onto our computer and deleted some files," they said.
9. "Computers will soon make books a thing of the past," said the professor.
10. "You can always rely on my," my friend said.
11. "We must wait here for our teachers," the students said.
12. "We should take our umbrellas. It may rain this afternoon," said their mother.

QUESTIONS

13. "Do you update your antivirus software regularly?" they asked me.
14. "Did you remain at the party after all the guests had gone?" I asked my fiancée.
15. "Why did the dog bite you? Did you stroke him?" he wanted to know.
16. "What are you cooking? It smells disgusting!" said my daughter.
17. "Were you smoking when they came into the room?" I asked him.
18. "Have you ever touched a snake?" they asked me.
19. "Where will they celebrate their wedding?" I asked.
20. "Did anyone overhear our conversation?" they wondered.
21. "How many houses do they own? How wealthy are they?"

22. "Will you be attending the reception?" they asked me.

REQUESTS

23. "Wait for us outside the school. We'll pick you up in half an hour," they told their son.

24. "Don't be afraid of the dog. He's really harmless," my neighbour said to me.

25. "Could you tell the manager we want to see her?" the customer asked.

26. "Don't listen to a word he says. He's a liar," my mother told me.

27. "Please, Jim, stop pushing your brother around," said the teacher.

28. "Don't download these files," the police officer told her.

OTHER REPORTING VERBS

29. "Fill in your application tonight," said my dad. (remind)

30. "I didn't speak to anyone about it," Jim said. (deny)

31. "You have ruined my life!" said his wife. (accuse)

32. "Yes, we'll let him see the documents," they said. (agree)

33. "Please, officer, let us go!" they said. (beg)

34. "You should try a different doctor," my friend said. (advise)

35. "Why don't we go to the funeral in my car?" said Hanna. (suggest)

36. "Bill, why don't you stay here and wait for the others?" I said. (suggest)

37. "I will not fail you, I promise," said my best friend. (promise)

38. "We will never lend you money again," said his parents. (refuse)

39. "It is true, I cheated on your son," she told her mother-in-law. (admit)

40. "Don't overtake on this stretch of road," the driving instructor said. (warn)