

Reported speech exercises for revision

1. Write in the reported speech.

- a. The officer said, "He works in a bank"
- b. "We went out last night", Carlos told me.
- c. "I was waiting for the bus when Pete arrived", I said.
- d. "I'd never been here before", the woman explained to the guide.
- e. "I didn't go to the party", Linda said.
- f. "Lucy will come later" Michelle told me.
- g. The teacher said, "He hasn't eaten breakfast"
- h. "I can help you tomorrow if you need it", Bob said.
- i. He announced, "I don't like chocolate"
- j. "I visited my parents at the weekend" she said.
- k. Andrew said, "She hasn't eaten sushi before"
- l. "I hadn't travelled by underground before I came to London", he stated.

2. Reported speech. Questions.

Closed

- a. "Has John arrived?" Tom said.
- b. The teacher said, "Did you watch the latest film?"
- c. My mother asked her, "Must I do the shopping?"
- d. John said, "Do you live in London?"
- e. The policeman said, "Can I help you?"
- f. She said, "Are you working tonight?"

Open

- a. Ronald asked, "Where does Maria park her car?"
- b. "How often do you go to the cinema?" Bill asked me.
- c. "How was the journey?" The old man said.
- d. "Where will you live after graduation?" She said.
- e. My neighbour asked, "How is your mother?"
- f. "Who was that beautiful woman?" Tim said.

3. Questions mixed

- a. "What are you going to do at the weekend?" Said the man.
- b. "Do I have to go to school tomorrow?" Jane said to her mother.
- c. Betty said, "When did you come?"
- d. "How many friends do you have on Facebook?"
- e. "Did he arrive on time?" The man asked.
- f. The tourist said, "Is this the road to the station?"

4. Orders and petitions

- a. "Please help me carry this," said the old woman.
- b. "Buy some milk!" My dad shouted.
- c. "Could you bring the book tonight?" The friends said.
- d. "Can you help me with my homework, please?" The new student said.
- e. My mum said, "Would you bring me a cup of coffee, please?"
- f. "Would you mind lending me a pencil?" Leonard said.
- g. "I was wondering if you could possibly tell me the time?" Sheldon said.
- h. "Do your homework!" said Mum. Mum told me to do my homework.
- i. "Don't be late!" the manager said.
- j. "Go to bed!" Dad said.
- k. "Wait here!" The cop said.
- l. Mum said, "Eat your dinner!"

5. Special statements

- a. "Come in, the door is open." John said to Jane.
- b. "Ben, thank you for the gift. It is lovely." Jane said.
- c. "Do you like football?" Bill said. "No, I don't." Tom said.
- d. "Did you like the food?" Martin said. "Nope!" Lesley said.
- e. "Would you like a cup of tea?" Steven said. "Yes, please." Harry said.
- f. "Can you swim?" Jane said "Yes." Bill said

6. Mixed reported speech

- a. "You should go to bed early", said Mum.
- b. "Would you mind passing the salt?" Tim said.
- c. The man at the petrol station told the men, "Don't smoke!"
- d. "I'll do the washing-up later", my brother said.
- e. "I'm coming home tonight!" Shouted his brother.
- f. The manager shouted, "What are you doing?"
- g. I said, "Why didn't you go out last night?"
- h. "Don't do that!" I told my brother.
- i. "Did you do your homework?" said the teacher.
- j. Dad asked his son, "What were you doing when I saw you?"
- k. "Will you come later today?" the shopkeeper said.
- l. Robert said, "Please come early."

7. Mixed reported speech

- a. "Don't make a mess!" Laura told me.
- b. "Have you been to Paris?" Asked Sheila.
- c. Frank asked, "How much pocket money does Lisa get?"
- d. "I won't see you tomorrow", the teacher said.
- e. "Can you help me?" The old man said.
- f. The woman next to me said, "Could you please open the window?"
- g. "I like coffee. I have a cup every day in the morning." He said.
- h. The neighbour told me, "She's living in Paris for a few months."
- i. "New bodies were found on Syrian streets this morning", the newsperson stated.
- j. Andrew asked, "Will Mandy have lunch with Sue?"
- k. "Have you studied reported speech before?" said the English woman.
- l. His father stated "He could read when he was three."