

1 Put these STATEMENTS into reported speech.

- 1 "I can't swim very well," I told her.
- 2 "Mr Mason has gone out," the secretary told me.
- 3 "I don't want to go swimming," Andrew said.
- 4 "We're leaving on Friday," she said.
- 5 "We had lunch in Luigi's restaurant," they said.
- 6 "I'll phone you later," Sarah told Simon.

2 It is evening and Sally is telling her mother about her day. Read what some people said to Sally today and write what Sally's mother told her husband later that night.

- 1 The manager of the bank where Sally works: "You'll get a pay rise later in the year."
- 2 Sally's doctor: "You're slightly anaemic. You should eat more salads and fresh vegetables."
- 3 Sally's boyfriend, Peter: "I'd like a big family. I want at least five children."
- 4 Sally's brother: "I've done the shopping. I'll be home at about seven."
- 5 Sally's driving instructor: "You drove very well. You're making good progress."
- 6 A man who works in a dry-cleaner's: "Your skirt will be ready on Saturday."

3 Put these QUESTIONS into reported speech.

- 1 Tom said to the mechanic, "Will it take long to repair the car?"
- 2 "Can I park my car in West Street?" I asked the policeman.
- 3 "Where would you like to sit?" asked the usher.
- 4 "Have you got a double room?" I said.
- 5 I asked the doctor, "How many times a day should I take the medicine?"
- 6 "What's the soup of the day?" said Alice.

4 Report these sentences.

- 1 "I can't type," I told them.
- 2 "Are you English?" they asked me.
- 3 "Where are you going?" I asked her.
- 4 "We are going into town," they said.
- 5 "I haven't got any money," the little boy said.
- 6 "I was on holiday in July," he told her.
- 7 "What time did you get home?" they asked him.
- 8 "We won't be home late," we told them.
- 9 "I've posted the letters," I said.
- 10 "My sister doesn't know," he said.
- 11 "My parents had gone to bed," she said.
- 12 "Where do you work?" I asked her.
- 13 "I passed my driving test in 1986," he told his boss.
- 14 "I don't know what to do," I said.

5 ORDERS, REQUESTS... Put the sentences into reported speech.

- 1 "Could you speak more slowly?" he asked her.
- 2 "Don't touch the wire," he warned me.
- 3 "Can you do me a favour?" she asked me.
- 4 "You should go to the doctor," she told him.
- 5 "We'll do the dishes," they promised.
- 6 "Can you phone the doctor for me?" she asked him.

6 Put the following dialogue into reported speech. Begin like this: *The official greeted me and asked...*

Official: [1] Good morning, sir. Where are you flying to?

Man: [2] To New York. Here's my ticket.

Official: [3] How many pieces of luggage do you have?

Man: [4] Two suitcases and a briefcase. I want the brown case to go to Paris, and the black one to Frankfurt. And please send the briefcase to New York.

Official: [5] I'm sorry, sir, but we can't do that. This isn't a post office.

Man: [6] Why can't you do it? *That's* what you did with my luggage the last time.

7 Use the diary page below to rewrite Diana's conversation with her boyfriend, Martin.

TUESDAY

I had an argument with Martin about a film last night and now we aren't speaking to each other. [1] I asked him when the film started [2] and he said he didn't know. [3] Then I asked him where the cinema was [4] and he said he didn't know that either. [5] Then I asked him why he wanted to see a boring James Bond film anyway [6] and he said he didn't think James Bond films were boring, he thought I was boring. [7] I told him not to be rude and asked him what he wanted to do. [8] He said he didn't want to go out because he was expecting a phone call. [9] I asked him who was going to phone him [10] and he said it was his new girlfriend! [11] I asked him why he hadn't told me about his new girlfriend before and told him I never wanted to see him again!

Diana: [1] When does the film start?

Martin: [2] I don't know.

Diana: [3]

SELF-STUDY EXERCISES - ANSWER KEY

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2. 1. The manager of the bank where Sally works told her she would get a pay rise later in the year. 2. Sally's doctor told her she was slightly anaemic and advised her to eat more salads and fresh vegetables. 3. Sally's boyfriend, Peter, said he'd like a big family and that he wanted at least five children. 4. Sally's brother said he had done the shopping and that he would be home at about seven. 5. Sally's driving instructor told her she had driven very well and that she was making good progress. 6. A man who works in a dry-cleaner's told Sally (that) her skirt would be ready on Saturday.

3. 1. Tom asked the mechanic if it would take long to repair the car. 2. I asked the policeman if I could park my car in West Street. 3. The usher asked where I would like to sit. 4. I asked if they had a double room. 5. I asked the doctor how many times a day I should take the medicine. 6. Alice asked what the soup of the day was.

4. 1. I told them I couldn't type. 2. They asked me if I was English. 3. I asked her where she was going. 4. They said (that) they were going into town. 5. The little boy told me he didn't have any money. 6. He told her he had been on holiday in July. 7. They asked him what time he had got home. 8. We told them we wouldn't be home late. 9. I said I had posted the letters. 10. He said (that) his sister didn't know. 11. She said (that) her parents had gone to bed. 12. I asked her where she worked. 13. He told his boss he had passed his driving test in 1986. 14. I said I didn't know what to do.

5. 1. He asked her to speak more slowly. 2. He warned me not to touch the wire. 3. She asked me to do her a favour. 4. She advised him to go to the doctor. 5. They promised to do the dishes. 6. She asked him to phone the doctor for her.

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3. He asked me how many pieces of luggage I had.
4. I said I had two suitcases and a brief. I said I wanted the brown case to go to Paris and the black one to Frankfurt, and asked him to send the briefcase to New York.
5. The official then said they couldn't do that because that wasn't a post office.
6. I asked him why they couldn't and added (that) *that* was what they had done with my luggage the last time.

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Diana: [1] When does the film start?

Martin: [2] I don't know.

Diana: [3] Where is the cinema?

Martin: [4] I don't know that either.

Diana: [5] Why do you want to see a boring James Bond film anyway?

Martin: [6] I don't think James Bond films are boring, I think **you** are boring.

Diana: [7] Don't be rude. What do you want to do?

Martin: [8] I don't want to go out, I'm expecting a phone call.

Diana: [9] Who is going to phone you?

Martin: [10] My new girlfriend.

Diana: [11] Why didn't you tell me about your new girlfriend before? I never want to see you again!