

# Reported Speech

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## Exercises

1) Mom warned me, “Don’t eat so much junk food”.

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Answer:

Mom warned me not to eat so much junk food.

2) “We’ve never been here before”, the couple said.

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Answer:

The couple said (that) they had never been there before.

3) My uncle asked me “Why do you want to study Spanish?”

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Answer:

My uncle asked me why *I wanted* to study Spanish.

4) The child said, “I’m not hungry now”.

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Answer:

The child said (that) he was not hungry  
at that moment.

5) “Don’t talk to strangers”, my father told me.

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Answer:

My father told me *not to talk* to strangers.

6) “Can you meet me at the station?”,  
my daughter asked me.

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Answer:

My daughter asked me if I could meet  
her at the station.

7) My co-worker said, “I won’t tell anyone”.

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Answer:

My co-worker said (that) she wouldn't tell anyone.



8) My spouse said, “I ate before you arrived”.

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Answer:

My spouse said (that) he had eaten  
before I arrived.

9) My niece said, “I may bring someone with me to the party”.

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Answer:

My niece said (that) she may bring someone with her to the party.

10) “Where is my laptop?”, my sister asked.

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Answer:

My sister asked where her laptop was.

11) “Has Ms. Lee talked to Kevin?”,  
my friends asked me.

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Answer:

My friends asked me if Ms. Lee had  
talked to Kevin.

12) “What time is it?”, a passerby asked me.

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Answer:

A passerby asked me what time *it was*.

13) Mom told me, “set the table for dinner.”

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Answer:

Mom told me to set the table for dinner.

14) My aunt asked me “Have you finished doing the dishes?”

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Answer:

My aunt asked me if I had finished doing the dishes.

15) The porter said, “I’ll help you”.

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Answer:

The porter said (that) he would help me.



16) “I get up every morning at 7 o’clock”, my personal trainer said.

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Answer:

My personal trainer said (that) he gets  
up every morning at 7 o’clock.

17) My brother told me, “I wish I had bought that car”.

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Answer:

My brother told me he wishes he had bought that car.

18) My grandparents said, “We’ve been living here for a long time”.

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Answer:

My grandparents said (that) they had been living here for a long time.

19) Dad asked me, “Have you already walked the dogs?”

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Answer:

Dad asked me *if I had* already walked the dogs.

20) My sister said, “I’m studying English at the moment.”

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Answer:

My sister said (that) she was studying  
English at that moment.

21) My neighbor asked me, “What did your sister say?”

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Answer:

My neighbor asked me what my sister had said.

22) My boss asked me, “What are you doing?”.

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Answer:

My boss asked me what *I was doing*.

23) My best friend said, “I spent all my money on a car”.

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Answer:

My best friend said (that) he had spent all his money on a car.



24) My cousin said, “I want to visit my grandmother this weekend.”

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Answer:

My cousin said (that) she wanted to visit her grandmother that weekend.

25) My classmate asked me, “When is your birthday?”

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Answer:

My classmate asked me when my birthday was.

26) Dad asked me, “Are you going to have lunch at home?”

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Answer:

Dad asked me if I was going to have lunch at home.

27) My English teacher asked me,  
“Did you do your homework?”

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Answer:

My English teacher asked me if I had  
done my homework.

28) My brother said, “I don’t know where my shoes are.”

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Answer:

My brother said (that) he didn't know where his shoes were.