

English Precis
And composition.

Direct / Indirect Speech Exercise 1

- ① John said, "I am very busy now."
John told that he was very busy ~~now~~ Then.
- ② He said, "The horse has been fed."
He told that the horse had been fed.
- ③ "I know her name and address." said John.
John told that he knew her name and address.
- ④ "German is easy to learn." she said.
She told that German is easy to learn.
- ⑤ He said, "I am writting letters."
He told that he was writting letters.
- ⑥ "It is too late to go out," Alice said.
Alice told that it was too late to go out.
- ⑦ He said to me, ~~What~~ "I don't believe you."
He told me that he didn't believe me.

⑧ He says, "I am glad to be here this evening."

He tells that he was glad to be ^{that} here this evening. ? Ask.

⑨ He said to me, "What are you doing?"
He asked me what ~~was~~ ^{was} I doing.

⑩ "Where is the post office?" asked the stranger.

The stranger asked where was the post office

⑪ He said, "Will you listen to me?"
He asked will I listen to him.

Exercise No: 2

1. Boys said, "It has been raining since morning. We ~~cannot~~ not play today."
Boys told that it had been raining since that morning. They could not play that day.

2. She said to him, "I am leaving now and shall return after two hours."

She told him that she was leaving then and would return after two hours.

3. The girl said to me, "My father went to the market and brought toys for ~~me~~ me."

The girl told me that her father went to the market and brought toys for her.

4. Her husband said to her, "I shall not go to the office today as I am not feeling well."

Her husband told her that he would not go to the office that day as he was not feeling well.

5. My father has said to me, "I fear that you have caught cold again."

My father has told me that he fears that I ~~to~~ have caught cold again.

6. His brother said to me, "I am not going to attend the meeting today."

His brother told me that he was not going to attend the meeting that day.

7. The inspector said to the people, "We have caught the thief and he will be brought to book soon."

The inspector told the people that they had caught the thief and he would be brought to book soon.

8. The lady said to her husband "Whether you agree with me or not I am not going to change my decision."

8. The lady told her husband that whether he agreed with her or not she was not going to change her decision.

9. The landlord has said to the young man, "if you do not pay your rent by evening today you will have to leave the house immediately."

The landlord has told the young man that if he does not pay his rent by evening today, he will have to leave the house immediately.

10. His wife said to him, "Do you know that my servant stole our money?"

His wife told him if he knew that her ^{had} servant ~~stolen~~ their money.

11. Her friend said to her, "Can you spare your book for me for a week?"

her friend told ~~tasked~~ her if she could spare her book for her for a week.

12. She said to him, "Can I do anything for you? Will you mind my extending help to you?"

She asked him if she could do anything for him and ~~would~~ ^{he would} mind her extending help to him.

13. His friend has said to him, "Did I not warn you against this beforehand?"
his friend has told him if he did not warn him against this beforehand.

14. The captain said to the players, "Will you put your heart and soul in playing the game so that we ~~we~~ may win the match?"

the captain told the players if they would put their heart and soul in playing the game so that they may win the match.

15. The old man said to the child, "Why did you break this window pane?"

The old man ~~had~~ asked the child why he broke that window pane.

16. The teacher said, "Boys, what are you doing here? why do you not go to your classrooms?"

The teacher asked the boys what they were doing there and why didn't they go to their classrooms.

17. Her brother said to her, "What present should I bring for you when I return?"

Her brother asked her what present should he bring for her when he returned.