

DIRECT / INDIRECT

Date No.

Exercise #1

- 1) John said, "I am very busy now."
→ John said that he was very busy then.
- 2) He said, "The horse has been fed".
→ He said that the horse had been fed.
- 3) "I know her name and address", said John.
→ John said that he knew her name & address.
- 4) 'German is easy to learn', said ^{she}.
→ She said that German ^{was} easy to learn.
- 5) He said, 'I am writing letters'.
→ He said that he was writing letters.
- 6) 'It is too late to go out', Alice said.
→ Alice said that it was too late to go out.
- 7) He said to me, "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 says that he is glad to be here ^{this} evening.
- 9) He said to me, 'what are you doing?'
→ He ^{asked} me what ^{I were 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 said would ^{you} listen to him?

ANSWER

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

→ the inspector ~~said/told~~ ^{Said/told} to the people that they ~~were~~ had caught the thief and he would have been 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".

→ 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 young man, "If you don't pay your rent by evening today you will have to leave the house immediately". ~~the~~

→ the landlord ~~told~~ told young man that if he did not pay his rent by evening that day, he would ~~have~~ have to leave the house immediately.

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

→ his wife ~~told/know~~ asked him if he knew that her servant had stolen their money.

Exercise # 2.

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1) Boys said, "It has been raining since morning. We cannot play today".

→ Boy said that it has been raining that morning. They couldn't play that day.

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

→ She told him that she was leaving then and should return after 2 hours.

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

→ The girl ~~has~~ told me that her father had gone 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 should not go to the office that day as he had not ~~feeling~~ well.

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

→ My father ~~told~~ told me that he feared that I had 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.

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

→ Her friend asked 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 me extending help to you?"

→ She asked him if she could do anything for him. Would he mind her extending help to him?

13) His friend has said to him, "Did I not warn you against this beforehand?"

→ His friend had asked him if he had not warned him against that beforehand.

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

→ The captain asked the players if they would put their heart and soul in playing the game so that they might win the match.

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

→ The old man asked the child that why had he broken that window pane.