

English (Precis and Composition)

Exercise No 01

Conversion of direct speech to indirect speech:

1. John said, 'I am very busy now.'
John said that he was very busy now.
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 and address.
4. 'German is easy to learn', she said.
She said that German was easy to learn.
5. He said, 'I am writing a letter.'
He said that he was writing a letter.
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 does not 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 that I was doing.
10. He said, 'Will you listen to me?'
He asked whether I would listen to him.
11. 'Where is the post office', asked the manager.
The manager asked where the post office was.