

Indirect Speech Practice

Question 1

Helen: Mr West, what's happened to John?

Mr West: He's left the company

Helen: Why has he done that?

Mr West: He asked me for a rise but I didn't give it to him.

Helen: Why didn't you give him a rise?

Mr West: Because he was lazy.

Helen: Has he found another job?

Mr West: Yes, he is working in a film company.

Helen: What is his salary like?

Mr West: I think he earns quite a lot.

Helen: Does he like the new job?

Mr West: I don't know.

Answer 1:

Helen inquired Mr.West about her colleague, John. Mr.West informed her about John's resignation. When Helen questioned the reason behind it, Mr. West told her that his refusal to give a raise to John because he was lazy led him to quit. Helen asked whether John had found a new job to which Mr.West responded affirmatively. On Helen's counter question of if John liked his new job, Mr.West was clueless.

Question 2:

"The play may begin at any moment," I said.

"It may have begun already," Susan answered

I hurried to the ticket-office. "May I have two tickets please?" I asked.

"I'm sorry, we've sold out," the girl said.

"What a pity!" Susan exclaimed.

Just then, a man hurried to the ticket-office. "Can I return these two tickets?" he asked.

"Certainly," the girl said.

I went back to the ticket-office at once. "Could I have those two tickets please?" I asked.

"Certainly," the girl said, "but they are for next Wednesday's performance. Do you still want them?"

"I might as well have them, "I said sadly.

Answer 2:

I expressed the possibility of play beginning at any moment to which Susan responded that it may had begun already.I rushed to the ticket office and asked for two tickets.Girl at the ticket office apologised due to being sold out .When Susan was expressing her disappointment,a man dashed to ticket-office to return two tickets.Once again,I went to ticket office and asked for two tickets.However,girl asked me if I would still want to buy tickets as they were for following Wednesday's performance.I sadly responded affirmatively.