

Exercises



48.1 Here are some things that Sarah said to you earlier:



I've never been to the United States.

I don't have any brothers or sisters.

I can't drive.

I don't like fish.

Jane has a very well-paid job.

I'm working tomorrow evening.

Jane is a friend of mine.

Dave is lazy.



But later Sarah says something different to you. What do you say?

Sarah	You
1 Dave works very hard.	But you said he was lazy.
2 Let's have fish for dinner.	You said you didn't like fish.
3 I'm going to buy a car.	But you said that you couldn't drive.
4 Jane is always short of money.	But you said that Jane had a very well paid job.
5 My sister lives in Paris.	But you said that you didn't have any brothers or sisters.
6 I think New York is a great place.	But you said that you had never been to the US.
7 Let's go out tomorrow evening.	But you said that you were working tomorrow evening.
8 I've never spoken to Jane.	But you said that Jane was a friend of yours.

48.2 Complete the sentences with **say** or **tell** (in the correct form). Use only one word each time.

- Anna **said** goodbye to me and left.
- tell** us about your holiday. Did you have a nice time?
- Don't just stand there! **say** something!
- I wonder where Sue is. She **said** she would be here at 8 o'clock.
- Dan **told** me that he was bored with his job.
- The doctor **said** that I should rest for at least a week.
- Gary couldn't help me. He **told** me to ask Chris.
- Gary couldn't help me. He **said** to ask Chris.
- Don't **tell** anybody what I **said**. It's a secret just between us.
- 'Did Kate **tell** you what happened?' 'No, she didn't **say** anything to me.'

48.3 The following sentences are direct speech:

Don't wait for me if I'm late.	Mind your own business.
Please slow down!	Can you open your bag, please?
Hurry up!	Don't worry, Sue.
Will you marry me?	Do you think you could give me a hand, Tom?

Now choose one of these to complete each of the sentences below. Use **reported speech**.

- Will was taking a long time to get ready, so I **told him to hurry up.**
- Sarah was driving too fast, so I asked **Her to please slow down.**
- Sue was nervous about the situation. I told **Her not to worry.**
- I couldn't move the piano alone, so I **Asked Tom if he thought he could have given me a hand.**
- The security guard looked at me suspiciously and **Asked me if I could please open my bag.**
- The man started asking me personal questions, so I **Told him to mind his own business.**
- Carl was in love with Maria, so he **asked her if she would marry him.**
- I didn't want to delay Helen, so I **Asked her not to wait for me if I were late.**