

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

- 1 Dave works very hard.
- 2 Let's have fish for dinner.
- 3 I'm going to buy a car.
- 4 Jane is always short of money.
- 5 My sister lives in Paris.
- 6 I think New York is a great place.
- 7 Let's go out tomorrow evening.
- 8 I've never spoken to Jane.

You

But you said he was lazy.
But you said you didn't like fish.
But you said that you couldn't drive.
But you said that Jane had a very well paid job.
But you said that you didn't have any brothers or sisters.
But you said that you had never been to the US.
But you said that you were working tomorrow evening.
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.

- 1 Anna **said** goodbye to me and left.
- 2 **tell** us about your holiday. Did you have a nice time?
- 3 Don't just stand there! **say** something!
- 4 I wonder where Sue is. She **said** she would be here at 8 o'clock.
- 5 Dan **told** me that he was bored with his job.
- 6 The doctor **said** that I should rest for at least a week.
- 7 Gary couldn't help me. He **told** me to ask Chris.
- 8 Gary couldn't help me. He **said** to ask Chris.
- 9 Don't **tell** anybody what I **said**. It's a secret just between us.
- 10 '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?

Don't worry, Sue.

Hurry up!

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.

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