

English Precis and Composition Assignment

→ Dialogue practice from 2016 exam paper.

Q Rewrite the following dialogue, written in indirect speech, in a paragraph form.

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.

Helen asked Mr West what had happened to John.

Mr West responded that he John had left the company, prompting Helen to ^{probe} ~~inquire~~ why. Mr West explained that John had requested a higher salary which he refused to give him. Helen inquired why Mr West ~~didn't~~ had not given John a raise to which Mr West stated that it was because of John's laziness.

Helen questioned whether John had found a new job and Mr West mentioned he was employed at a Galaxy.

film company. Helen further interrogated Mr West about the particulars of John's salary. Mr West replied ~~that he thought~~, unsurely, that John earned well. Helen ~~then~~ ^{then} asked if John liked his new job and Mr West concluded that he didn't know.

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