



GRAMMAR

REPORTED SPEECH

WORKSHEET ANSWER KEY

1. Rewrite these statements in reported speech.

1. They said to me: "You can't talk in this area".

They told me that **I/ we couldn't talk in that area.**

2. Judith said to us: "I saw your parents yesterday".

Judith told us that **she had seen my/ our parents the previous day.**

3. We said to him: "We won't be back until tonight".

We told him that **we wouldn't be back until that night.**

4. Phil said to her: "I've met lots of people since last week".

Phil told her that **he had met lots of people since the previous week.**

2. Rewrite these questions in reported speech.

1. They said to us: "Do you spend your holidays abroad?"

They asked us **if we spent our holidays abroad.**

2. He said to me: "How old are you?"

He asked me **how old I was.**

3. We said to Mary: "Are you going out tonight?"

We asked Mary **if she was going out that night.**

4. Fred said to the policeman: "What time do the shops close today?"

Fred asked the policeman **what time the shops closed that day.**

3. Rewrite these commands or orders in reported speech.

1. We said to Jane: "Don't tell anyone until next week".

We told Jane **not to tell anyone until the following week.**

2. Kate said to us: "Wait for me, please".

Kate told us **to wait for her.**

3. They said to her: "Be careful and don't be late".

They told her **to be careful and not to be late.**

4. George said to his son: "Eat up your lunch".

George ordered his son **to eat up his lunch.**

4. Rewrite these suggestions in reported speech.

1. "Let's go to the cinema tonight, shall we?" John said.

John suggested **going to the cinema.**

2. She said, "Why don't you get a mechanic to check the car?"

She suggested **that I/ we get a mechanic to check the car.**

3. "Why don't you go to the doctor?", he said.

He suggested **that I/ we go to the doctor.**

4. "It would be a good idea to see the dentist", said my mother.

My mother suggested **seeing the dentist.**