Reported Speech

A. Turn into reported speech:

(to be)
1) “The pencil is on the desk” — Mark said.
2) “He was a doctor!” — Susan said.
3) “I will be a nurse in the future.” — Mary said.
4) “I have been ill for 2 weeks!” — Henry said.
5) “I am being precise…” — Ben said.

(Present Simple ➔ Past Simple)
1) “I want to live in London.” — Paul said.
2) “She knows the answer!” — David said.
3) “Mike smokes a lot.” — Wendy said.
4) “I have a new car!” — Helen said.
5) “I go to school by bus.” — Jim said.

(Present Continuous ➔ Past Continuous)
1) “I am living in Paris.” — Maggie said.
2) “Susan is playing football.” — Raul said.
3) “They are going home.” — Pam said.
4) “We are buying this house.” — Jim and Sam said.
5) “You are driving very well!” — Karen told me.

(Present Perfect ➔ Past Perfect)
1) “I have seen this movie.” — Daniel said.
2) “I have eaten sushi…” — Luis said.
3) “He has found the treasure!” — Gabriel said.
4) “We have given a nice present.” — Kim and Carl said.
5) “Joe has known the editor.” — Nelson said.

(Future ➔ Conditional)
1) “I will leave the country.” — Karen said.
2) “I will meet Paul.” — Frank said.
3) “He will open the warehouse.” — Tim said.
4) “She will park the car.” — Joe said.
5) “His father will start the engine.” — Lilian said

(Past Simple ➔ Past Perfect)
1a) “I went to the cinema.” — Vivian said.
b) “I bought the house.” — Ben said.
c) “He forgot the keys.” — Olivia said.
d) “My son kept the car.” — Karen said.
e) “We joined the party.” — Daniel said.

B. Turn into reported speech:

(to be)
1) “The ruler isn’t on the desk” — Mark said.
2) “He wasn’t a nurse!” — Susan said.
3) “I won’t be a vet.” — Mary said.
4) “I haven’t been ill for a month!” — Henry said.
5) “I am not being funny!” — Ben said.

(Present Simple ➔ Past Simple)
1) “I don’t want to live in Liverpool.” — Paul said.
2) “She doesn’t know the solution!” — David said.
3) “Mike doesn’t smoke drugs.” — Wendy said.
4) “I haven’t a new van!” — Helen said.
5) “I don’t go to school by car.” — Jim said.

(Present Continuous ➔ Past Continuous)
1) “I am not living in Lisbon.” — Maggie said.
2) “Susan isn’t playing volleyball.” — Raul said.
3) “They aren’t going to the disco.” — Pam said.
4) “We aren’t buying this building.” — Jim and Sam said.
5) “You aren’t driving badly!” — Karen told me.

(Present Perfect ➔ Past Perfect)
1) “I haven’t seen that film.” — Daniel said.
2) “I haven’t eaten pizza…” — Luis said.
3) “He hasn’t found the key!” — Gabriel said.
4) “We haven’t given a bad gift.” — Kim and Carl said.
5) “Joe hasn’t known the director.” — Nelson said.

(Future ➔ Conditional)
1) “I will not leave the city.” — Karen said.
2) “I won’t meet Sam.” — Frank said.
3) “He won’t open the coffee shop.” — Tim said.
4) “She will not park the bus.” — Joe said.
5) “His father won’t start the machine.” — Lilian said

(Past Simple ➔ Past Perfect)
a) “I didn’t go to the disco.” — Vivian said.
b) “I didn’t buy the car.” — Ben said.
c) “He didn’t forget the way.” — Olivia said.
d) “My son didn’t keep the van.” — Karen said.
e) “We didn’t join the group.” — Daniel said.
C. Finish the sentences using Reported speech. Always change the tense, although it is sometimes not necessary.

Example: Peter: "I clean the black shoes." Peter told me that ____________________________
Answer: Peter told me that he cleaned the black shoes.

a. John: "Mandy is at home." John said that ____________________________
b. Max: "Frank often reads a book." Max told me that ____________________________
c. Susan: "I'm watching TV." Susan said to me that ____________________________
d. Simon: "David was ill." Simon said that ____________________________
e. Peggy: "The girls helped in the house." Peggy told me that ____________________________
f. Richard: "I am going to ride a skateboard." Richard said to me that ____________________________
g. Stephen and Claire: "We have cleaned the windows." Stephen and Claire told me that ____________________________
h. Charles: "I didn't have time to do my homework." Charles remarked that ____________________________
i. Mrs Jones: "My mother will be 50 years old." Mrs Jones told me that ____________________________
j. Jean: "The boss must sign the letter." Jean said that ____________________________

D. Finish the sentences using Reported speech. Always change the tense, although it is sometimes not necessary.

Example: Peter: "I cleaned the black shoes yesterday." Peter told me that ____________________________
Answer: Peter told me that he had cleaned the black shoes the day before.

a. Emily: "Our teacher will go to Leipzig tomorrow." Emily said that ____________________________
b. Helen: "I was writing a letter yesterday." Helen told me that ____________________________
c. Robert: "My father flew to Dallas last year." Robert told me that ____________________________
d. Lisa: "Tim went to the stadium an hour ago." Lisa told me that ____________________________
e. Pam: "My mother will celebrate her birthday next weekend." Pam said that ____________________________
f. Michael: "I am going to read a book this week." Michael said to me that ____________________________
g. Jim and Joe: "We will do our best in the exams tomorrow." Jim and Joe told me that ____________________________
h. Andrew: "We didn't eat fish two days ago." Andrew remarked that ____________________________
i. Alice: "I spent all my pocket money on Monday." Alice complained that ____________________________
j. David: "John had already gone at six." David said that ____________________________

E. Imagine you want to repeat sentences that you heard two weeks ago in another place. Rewrite the sentences in reported speech. Change pronouns and expressions of time and place where necessary.

a. They said, "This is our book." They said that ____________________________
b. She said, "I went to the cinema yesterday." She said that ____________________________
c. He said, "I am writing a test tomorrow." He said that ____________________________
d. You said, "I will do this for him." You said that ____________________________
e. She said, "I am not hungry now." She said that ____________________________
f. They said, "We have never been here before." They said that ____________________________
g. They said, "We were in London last week." They said that ____________________________
h. He said, "I will have finished this paper by tomorrow." He said that ____________________________
i. He said, "They won't sleep." He said that ____________________________
j. She said, "It is very quiet here." She said that ____________________________
F. Helen talked to you about her holiday in London. Two weeks later, you met Gareth and told him about Helen. You explained exactly what she had told you.

a. Helen: I want to tell you something about my holiday in London. She said that
b. Helen: I went to London in July. She said that
c. Helen: My parents went with me. She said that
d. Helen: We spent three days in London. She said that
e. Helen: London is a multicultural place. She said that
f. Helen: I saw people of all colours. She said that
g. Helen: Me and my parents visited the Tower. She said that
h. Helen: One evening we went to see a musical. She said that
i. Helen: I love London. She said that
j. Helen: The people are so nice there. She said that

G. Finish the sentences using Reported speech. Always change the tense, although it is sometimes not necessary.

Example: Peter: "Clean the black shoes!" Peter told me _________________________
Answer: Peter told me to clean the black shoes.

a. Andrew: "Clean the blue bike!" Andrew told me ____________
b. Jessica: "Write a text message!" Jessica told me ____________
c. Nelly: "Help Peter's sister!" Nelly told me ____________
d. Fred: "Wash your hands!" Fred told me ____________
e. Anna: "Open the window!" Anna told me ____________
f. Tom: "Come at 8!" Tom told me ____________
g. Teacher: "Do your homework!" The teacher told me ____________
h. Doris: "Dance with me!" Doris told me ____________
i. Sabine: "Meet Sandy at the station!" Sabine told me ____________
j. Victoria: "Check your e-mails!" Victoria told me ____________

H. Finish the sentences using Reported speech. Always change the tense, although it is sometimes not necessary.

Example: Peter: "Don't clean the black shoes!" Peter told me _________________________
Answer: Peter told me not to clean the black shoes.

a. Karen: "Don't play football in the garden!" Karen told me ____________
b. Teacher: "Don't forget your homework!" The teacher reminded me ____________
c. Mike: "Don't shout at Peter!" Mike told me ____________
d. Yvonne: "Don't talk to your neighbour!" Yvonne told me ____________
e. Denise: "Don't open the door!" Denise told me ____________
f. Marcel: "Don't sing that song!" Marcel reminded me ____________
g. Jane: "Don't watch the new film!" Jane advised me ____________
h. Walter: "Don't ring Romy on Sunday!" Walter told me ____________
i. Lisa: "Don't fly via Paris!" Lisa advised me ____________
j. Jamie: "Don't eat so much junk food!" Jamie reminded me ____________