

# Enterprise Grammar - 4

## **Reported Speech – Answers**

1 Underline the correct word, as in the example.

1 “Don’t forget to ask/  
**say** the Johnsons  
to come to our  
Halloween party,”  
Kate **told**/**said** to  
me.

2 Mum **tells**/**says** us  
a story every night before we go to bed.

3 Tina **said**/**told** that she had failed her test.

4 Can I **ask**/**tell** you a question, please?

5 Dean **told**/**said** nothing about his decision to  
leave.

6 Anna and Lucy are identical twins. You can’t **teli**/  
**say** the difference between them.



- 6 Anna and Lucy are identical twins. You can't **tell/say** the difference between them.
- 7 Mike **said/asked** me how old Sharon is.
- 8 I **said/asked** someone on the street to **tell/say** me the way to the train station.
- 9 "You mustn't **say/tell** lies," Dad **said/told**.
- 10 A: I should have taken your advice and stayed in bed.  
B: Well, I **said/told** you so.

# 1. Say-Tell-Ask *Correct Answers*

2. Tells

3. Said

4. Ask

5. Said

6. Tell

7. Asked

8. asked, tell

9. Tell, said

10. Told

## 2 Tick the correct item.

- 1 Joe said he would lend me the money I needed.
- a "I would lend you the money you need." ☐
  - b "He will lend you the money you need." ☐
  - c "I will lend you the money you need." ☐
- 2 Ellen offered to do the washing-up.
- a "Shall I do the washing-up?" ☐
  - b "Must I do the washing-up?" ☐
  - c "I won't do the washing-up." ☐
- 3 Kim said that she was sleeping when the robbery took place.
- a "I am sleeping when the robbery took place." ☐
  - b "I was sleeping when the robbery took place." ☐
  - c I had been sleeping when the robbery took place." ☐

- 4** He said he would be able to see me at 10:30.
- a** "I will see you at 10:30." ☐
  - b** "I may see you at 10:30." ☐
  - c** "I can see you at 10:30." ☐
- 5** She said she had seen Paul the day before.
- a** "I saw Paul yesterday." ☐
  - b** "I saw Paul the day before." ☐
  - c** "I have seen Paul yesterday." ☐
- 6** She told me she wouldn't have forgotten the address if she had written it down.
- a** "I won't forget the address if I write it down." ☐
  - b** "I wouldn't forget the address if I wrote it down." ☐
  - c** "I wouldn't have forgotten the address if I had written it down." ☐

## 2. Tick the correct item – Correct answers

- 1c
- 2a
- 3b
- 4c
- 5a
- 6c

**3 Turn the following into reported speech.**

**1** "You must hand in your homework tomorrow morning," our teacher said to us.  
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**2** "I don't want to go to school today," Sammy said to his mother.  
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**3** "I will buy some milk on my way home from work," said John.  
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**4** "Tommy hasn't finished eating his dinner," Lucy said to Roy.  
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**5** "My mother can look after the children next week," Sue said to Harry.  
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**6** "Tony was practising the clarinet last night," his father said.  
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**7** "The last time I saw Jean was two months ago,"  
Diane said.

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**8** "Mr White comes to my café for a cup of coffee  
every morning," Don said.

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**9** "Eric has just opened his new shop," Ian said to  
Ben.

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**10** "You must pay the bills on Monday," Clare said to  
Alan.

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### 3. Turn the following into reported speech = *correct answers*

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| 1 Our teacher said/told us (that) we must/had to hand in our homework the following/next morning.          | 6 His father said (that) Tony was/had been practising the clarinet the previous night/the night before. |
| 2 Sammy told his mother (that) he didn't want to go to school that day.                                    | 7 Diane said (that) the last time she had seen Jean was two months before.                              |
| 3 John said (that) he would buy some milk on his way home from work.                                       | 8 Don said (that) Mr White went to his café for a cup of coffee every morning.                          |
| 4 Lucy told Roy (that) Tommy hadn't finished eating his dinner.  | 9 Ian told Ben (that) Eric had just opened his new shop.  |
| 5 Sue told Harry (that) her mother could/would be able to look after the children the following/next week. | 10 Clare told Alan (that) he must/had to pay the bills on Monday.                                       |

# Reported Questions

**5 Turn the following questions into reported speech.**

**1** “Did you go to Bill’s party last night?” asked Mark.

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**2** “Have you ever been to Italy?” she asked me.

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**3** “Will you drive me to work today?” Carla asked Richard.

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**4** “Do you like reading the cartoons section of the newspaper?” Brad asked Susan.

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**5** “Where does she live?” he wondered.

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**6** “When did you graduate from university?” Laura asked Tanya.

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**7** “Do you know how to use the Internet?” our teacher asked us.

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**8** “Can I go to the cinema this weekend?” she asked her mother.

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**9** “Why is he so late for our appointment?” Sara wondered.

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**10** “How old were you when you first travelled on an aeroplane?” Sally asked me.

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**11** “Will you take the dog for a walk?” asked Fred.

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**12** “Where did you go on Saturday night?” Paul asked Tina.

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## 5. Reported questions – correct answers

- 1 Mark asked if/whether I/we had gone to Bill's party the previous night/the night before.
- 2 She asked me if/whether I/we had ever been to Italy.
- 3 Carla asked Richard if/whether he would drive her to work that day.
- 4 Brad asked Susan if/whether she liked reading the cartoons section of the newspaper.
- 5 He wondered where she lived.
- 6 Laura asked Tanya when she graduated/had graduated from university.

- 7 Our teacher asked us if/whether we knew how to use the Internet.
- 8 She asked her mother if/whether she could go to the cinema that weekend.
- 9 Sara wondered why he was so late for their appointment.
- 10 Sally asked me how old I was/had been when I first travelled on an aeroplane.
- 11 Fred asked if/whether I would take the dog for a walk.
- 12 Paul asked Tina where she had been/went on Saturday night.