

Reported speech introduction

Exercise 1: Classifying Exercise

Classify the following sentences into three categories: A) Direct Speech, B) Reported Speech, C) Neither.

1. "I am going to the park," said John.
2. She told me that she was tired.
3. The cat is on the mat.
4. "Do you want to come to the movies with me?" he asked.
5. He asked me if I wanted to come to the movies with him.
6. The sun rises in the east.
7. "I can't believe it's already 10 o'clock," she exclaimed.
8. She exclaimed that she couldn't believe it was already 10 o'clock.
9. The book is on the table.
10. "I'm feeling sick," he said.

Exercise 2: Gap Fill Exercise

Fill in the gaps in the following sentences to convert them from direct speech to reported speech.

1. "I am happy," she said. -> She said that she _____ happy.
2. "I don't like spinach," he said. -> He said that he _____ like spinach.
3. "We will go to the beach tomorrow," they said. -> They said that they _____ go to the beach the next day.
4. "I can play the guitar," she said. -> She said that she _____ play the guitar.
5. "You are my best friend," he said. -> He said that I _____ his best friend.

Exercise 3: Sentence Starter Exercise

Complete the following sentences using reported speech.

1. She said, "I am tired." -> She said that...
2. He asked, "Do you like chocolate?" -> He asked ...
3. They exclaimed, "We won the game!" -> They exclaimed ...
4. She asked, "Can you help me with my homework?" -> She asked ...
5. He said, "I will call you later." -> He said

Answers:

Exercise 1:

1. A) Direct Speech
2. B) Reported Speech
3. C) Neither
4. A) Direct Speech
5. B) Reported Speech
6. C) Neither
7. A) Direct Speech
8. B) Reported Speech
9. C) Neither
10. A) Direct Speech

Exercise 2:

1. was
2. didn't
3. would
4. could
5. was

Exercise 3:

1. She said that she was tired.
2. He asked if I liked chocolate.
3. They exclaimed that they had won the game.
4. She asked if I could help her with her homework.
5. He said that he would call me later.