

Revision: Reported Speech -1



Remember: We use **quoted speech** for the exact words someone uses. We use **quoted speech** in novels, stories and newspaper articles.

Nasreddin had a leaky ferry boat and used it to row people across the river. One day his passenger was a fussy schoolteacher, and on the way across the teacher decided to give Nasreddin a test to see how much he knew.

A) Write **quoted speech for the speaker's words in this story. Use the verb **said** and the correct punctuation.**

1: The schoolteacher: Tell me, Nasreddin, what are eight times six?

2: Nasreddin: I have no idea.

3: The schoolteacher: How do you spell *magnificence*?

4: Nasreddin: I don't know.

5: The schoolteacher: Didn't you study anything at school?

6: Nasreddin: No.

7: The schoolteacher: In that case, half your life is lost.

Just then, there was a very bad a storm, and the boat began to go down.

8: Nasreddin: Tell me, schoolteacher; did you ever learn to swim?

9: The schoolteacher: No.

10: Nasreddin: In that case, your whole life is lost.

Remember: Reported speech has a main clause and a noun clause that starts with **that**. Noun clauses that start with **that** are used to say what a person is thinking, giving an opinion, or using a mental activity verb.

B) Rewrite the sentences as reported speech using noun clauses. Make the necessary changes to verbs and pronouns.

1: Dr. Carter said, "You have to do some exercise every day."
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2: He said, "Twenty minutes a day is enough."
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3: My mother said, "I can walk a lot."
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4: My father said, "I'll go to the gym tomorrow."
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5: Alice said, "I can go with you."
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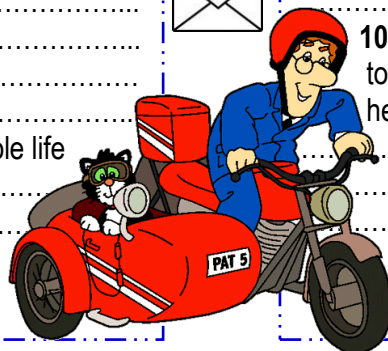
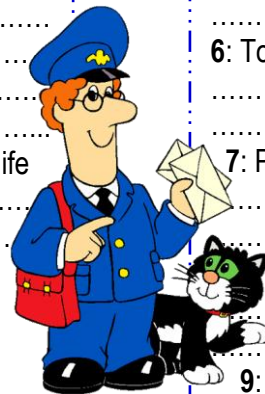
6: Tony said, "I went to the gym yesterday."
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7: Paul said, "I have been to the gym this week."
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8: Suzy said, "I go every day."
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9: Marlene said, "I don't like the gym at all."
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10: Pedro said, "I am not crazy about going to the gym but I know it is important for my health."
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B)

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Alice said that she could go with me.

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7: Paul said, "I have been to the gym this week."

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9: Marlene said, "I don't like the gym at all."

Marlene said that she didn't like the gym at all.

10: Pedro said, "I am not crazy about going to the gym but I know it is important for my health."

Pedro said that he was not crazy about going to the gym but he knew it is / was important for his health.