

Chapter 15: Reported Speech

TRUE/FALSE

The two sentences have the same meaning. Mark T or F.

1. "Put down your pencils now."
The professor ordered us to put our pencils down immediately.
2. "The plays of Shakespeare are more interesting than the plays of Ibsen."
He claimed that Shakespeare's plays were more interesting than Ibsen's.
3. "Do you think I have enough money? "
She asked me if I thought she had enough money.
4. "How are you getting to the party? "
She wanted to know how I had gotten to the party.
5. "Everyone must leave now!"
She suggested that everyone leave now.
6. "I'm not at all satisfied with your performance on the exam; are you? "
She wanted to know if I was satisfied with her performance on the exam.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct word or words to complete each sentence. If no extra word is needed, choose X.

1. He ordered the driver _____ the bus.
a. to stop
b. stop
c. was stopping
d. stopped
2. She _____ me her sister was coming to visit.
a. said
b. asked
c. told
d. exclaimed
3. They asked if _____ Toronto before.
a. had we visited
b. we had visited
c. we have visited
d. have we visited
4. He told us _____ upset about the loss.
a. to be not
b. not to be
c. not to be
d. to be not

- b. isn't
d. wasn't
5. We asked _____ her dog was friendly or dangerous.
a. what
b. whether
c. that
d. X
6. Sarah asked _____ we wanted to have for lunch.
a. what
b. if
c. that
d. X
7. Gloria asked me _____ had left the door open.
a. when
b. whether
c. that
d. who
8. Eliza _____ that we were her best friends.
a. asked
b. told
c. X
d. said
9. He wondered _____ we were going to stay or go.
a. whether
b. who
c. what
d. that
10. Ron claimed _____ his essay had been entirely his own work.
a. that
b. whether
c. what
d. who
11. He demanded that everyone _____ attention immediately.
a. paying
b. to pay
c. pay
d. has paid

Choose the correct answer.

12. The sentence that does NOT contain reported speech is:
a. She can leave now because she asked for permission.
b. He hasn't arrived, but he said he'd be here soon.
c. I asked for help, and I specifically asked if you would assist me.
d. He told us that he was moving to another apartment next month.
13. The sentence that does NOT contain reported speech is:
a. Do you mind if I come, because Barb said it would be fine.
b. My sister asked why we hadn't visited her sooner.
c. Ask Clara who used my computer when I wasn't home.
d. Jason told me he'd already seen that movie and apparently it's not good.
14. The sentence that does NOT contain reported speech is:
a. Zack's mother asked if we were going to take him along.
b. Tara's buying a guide to Spain because her professor said he'd lead the class on a tour of

Madrid.

- c. My friends asked why we weren't going to buy tickets for them.
 - d. Are you going to tell me what he said, or do I have to ask him myself?
15. The sentence that does NOT contain reported speech is:
- a. I could tell you the answer, but that wouldn't help you in the long run.
 - b. He said he could tell we were very upset about the exams.
 - c. She didn't have a good excuse but she did say that she wouldn't leave early again.
 - d. The man who lives downstairs said that he could hear my TV last night.
16. The sentence that does NOT contain reported speech is:
- a. Don't be angry at Bill because he told us he would be a little late.
 - b. I think you need to talk to Al because he said that he had the schedule.
 - c. My father used to tell me stories about living in Korea.
 - d. She said she used to visit China in the summer.
17. The speaker said that interest rates rise and fall in natural cycles.
- a. This is a current situation.
 - b. This is a timeless statement.
 - c. This is a future event.
18. The announcer just said that the train from Boston is arriving on Platform 9.
- a. This is a timeless statement.
 - b. This is a habitual activity.
 - c. This is immediate reporting.
19. She said that she reads the newspaper every morning before she comes to class.
- a. This is a habitual activity.
 - b. This is immediate reporting.
 - c. This is the past in informal speech.
20. He asked if I was going to go out with Tony next Saturday.
- a. This is a current situation.
 - b. This is immediate reporting.
 - c. This is a future event.
21. They said that we were going to meet our new professor tomorrow.
- a. This is immediate reporting.
 - b. This is a future event.
 - c. This is a timeless statement.

Choose the correct response to complete each conversation.

22. A: She asked if you'd seen her painting on display in the exhibit.
B: _____
- a. I saw it, but it wasn't very good.
 - b. I have seen her paint many times.
 - c. I went to the exhibit last week.
23. A: My boss told me I might be promoted.
B: _____
- a. When did you get promoted?
 - b. Why aren't you going to be promoted?

6. "Will you give me a ride to the game? "
He asked if I would give _____ a ride to the game.
7. "I am very angry with you."
She said that she was very angry with _____.
8. "Would you turn in my assignment? "
She asked if _____ would turn in her assignment.
9. "Has she called my professor? "
_____ asked if she had called his professor.
10. "Did you borrow my notebook? "
She asked if I'd borrowed _____ notebook.

MATCHING

Match the quoted speech and the correct reported speech.

- a. She said she loved the shirts on the models.
 - b. He said it was fantastic.
 - c. She said she was going to love the meal.
 - d. She said she loved her job.
 - e. He said they were fantastic.
1. "This chicken is fantastic!"
2. "These poems are fantastic!"
3. "I love those shirts."
4. "I love my job."
5. "I'm going to love this meal."

SHORT ANSWER

Correct the errors in the sentences. Each sentence contains one error.

1. She wanted to know why didn't we want to come to her place.
2. We asked our professor, whether the exam could be postponed until next Monday.

3. He told me that he must declare a major immediately.

4. Our manager said me that I could have Friday off.

5. Hank asked what Belinda or Fred had opened the door.

ESSAY

Write an essay using one of these topics.

1. Think about some popular expressions used by younger people today. Write two paragraphs about these expressions and their usage. In the first paragraph, identify the phrases, who typically says them, and when they are used. In the second paragraph, discuss whether these phrases are likely to be popular in the future. Include examples of similar phrases that continue to be popular, or whose popularity has decreased.

2. Write two paragraphs about the kindest thing you have heard someone say. In the first paragraph, describe what was said, who said it, and when you heard it. In the second paragraph, explain why this was particularly kind. Include examples of other kind things you have heard to support your opinion.

3. Advertising campaigns often tell us what to do, think, or buy. Write two paragraphs about the characteristics of successful advertising campaigns. In the first paragraph, describe several successful campaigns for a variety of products, such as sports shoes, cars, food, or perfume. Include details about what the advertisements told consumers to do or to believe. In the second paragraph, describe why these campaigns were successful. Include details about how people responded to these ads, as well as things you have heard people say about them and about the products the ads promote.

Chapter 15: Answer Key

TRUE/FALSE

1. T
2. T
3. T
4. F
5. F
6. F

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. B
6. A
7. D
8. D
9. A
10. A
11. C
12. A
13. C
14. D
15. A
16. C
17. B
18. C
19. A
20. C
21. B
22. A
23. C
24. B
25. B
26. C

COMPLETION

1. whether
2. why
3. that
4. what
5. she

6. him
7. me
8. I
9. He
10. her

MATCHING

1. B
2. E
3. A
4. D
5. C

SHORT ANSWER

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2. We asked our professor whether the exam could be postponed until next Monday.
3. He told me that he had to declare a major immediately.
4. Our manager told me that I could have Friday off.
Our manager said that I could have Friday off.
5. Hank asked whether Belinda or Fred had opened the door.
Hank asked if Belinda or Fred had opened the door.

ESSAY

1. Answers will vary.
2. Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary.