**Exercise on Reported Speech**

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**Backshift**

Rewrite the sentences in reported speech. Change pronouns and time expressions where necessary.

1. She said, "I am reading."
→ She said that 
2. They said, "We are busy."
→ They said that 
3. He said, "I know a better restaurant."
→ He said that 
4. She said, "I woke up early."
→ She said that 
5. He said, "I will ring her."
→ He said that 
6. They said, "We have just arrived."
→ They said that 
7. He said, "I will clean the car."
→ He said that 
8. She said, "I did not say that."
→ She said that 
9. She said, "I don't know where my shoes are."
→ She said that 
10. He said: "I won't tell anyone."
→ He said that 

**Backshift and Place expressions**

1. They said, "This is our book."
→ They said 
2. She said, "I went to the cinema yesterday."
→ She said 
3. He said, "I am writing a test tomorrow."
→ He said 
4. You said, "I will do this for him."
→ You said 
5. She said, "I am not hungry now."
→ She said 
6. They said, "We have never been here before."
→ They said 
7. They said, "We were in London last week."
→ They said 
8. He said, "I will have finished this paper by tomorrow."
→ He said 
9. He said, "They won't sleep."
→ He said 
10. She said, "It is very quiet here."
→ She said 

**Questions - Exercise**

1. "Where is my umbrella?" she asked.
→ She asked 
2. "How are you?" Martin asked us.
→ Martin asked us 
3. He asked, "Do I have to do it?"
→ He asked 
4. "Where have you been?" the mother asked her daughter.
→ The mother asked her daughter 
5. "Which dress do you like best?" she asked her boyfriend.
→ She asked her boyfriend 
6. "What are they doing?" she asked.
→ She wanted to know 
7. "Are you going to the cinema?" he asked me.
→ He wanted to know 
8. The teacher asked, "Who speaks English?"
→ The teacher wanted to know 
9. "How do you know that?" she asked me.
→ She asked me 
10. "Has Caron talked to Kevin?" my friend asked me.
→ My friend asked me 

**Questions - Exercise**

1. "What's the time?" he asked.
→ He wanted to know 
2. "When will we meet again?" she asked me.
→ She asked me 
3. "Are you crazy?" she asked him.
→ She asked him 
4. "Where did they live?" he asked.
→ He wanted to know 
5. "Will you be at the party?" he asked her.
→ He asked her 
6. "Can you meet me at the station?" she asked me.
→ She asked me 
7. "Who knows the answer?" the teacher asked.
→ The teacher wanted to know 
8. "Why don't you help me?" she asked him.
→ She wanted to know 
9. "Did you see that car?" he asked me.
→ He asked me 
10. "Have you tidied up your room?" the mother asked the twins.
→ The mother asked the twins 

**Requests (mixed)**

1. She said, "Go upstairs."
→ She told me 
2. "Close the door behind you," he told me.
→ He told me 
3. "Don't be late," he advised us.
→ He advised us 
4. "Stop staring at me," she said.
→ She told him 
5. "Don't be angry with me," he said.
→ He asked her 
6. "Leave me alone," she said.
→ She told me 
7. "Don't drink and drive," she warned us.
→ She warned us 
8. "John, stop smoking," she said.
→ She told John 
9. "Don't worry about us," they said.
→ They told her 
10. "Meet me at the cinema." he said.
→ He asked me 

**Mixed Exercise**

1. He said, "I like this song."
→ He said 
2. "Where is your sister?" she asked me.
→ She asked me 
3. "I don't speak Italian," she said.
→ She said 
4. "Say hello to Jim," they said.
→ They asked me 
5. "The film began at seven o'clock," he said.
→ He said 
6. "Don't play on the grass, boys," she said.
→ She told the boys 
7. "Where have you spent your money?" she asked him.
→ She asked him 
8. "I never make mistakes," he said.
→ He said 
9. "Does she know Robert?" he wanted to know.
→ He wanted to know 
10. "Don't try this at home," the stuntman told the audience.
→ The stuntman advised the audience 

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