EXERCISES

Reported speech

Answer key

1 Report the sentences. Move the verb one tense back.

1 "I am tired."
She said she ___was___ tired.

2 "We live in Boston."
They said they ___lived___ in Boston.

3 "I will call you."
He said he ___would call___ me.

4 "I can drive."
She said she ___could drive___.

5 "I saw the movie."
He said he ___had seen___ the movie.

6 "I'm working from home."
She said she ___was working___ from home.

7 "We have finished the report."
They said they ___had finished___ the report.

8 "I don't like spicy food."
He said he ___didn't like___ spicy food.

9 "I may be late."
She said she ___might be___ late.

10 "I bought a new car."
My neighbor said he ___had bought___ a new car.

2 Circle the correct word.

1 She _____ me she was busy.
said / (told) / spoke

2 He _____ that the meeting was canceled.
(said) / told / asked

3 They _____ us they were moving to Denver.
said / asked / (told)

4 What did the doctor _____?
(say) / tell / talk

5 Can you _____ me the time?
say / (tell) / speak

6 He _____ to me that he was sorry.
(said) / told / asked

7 Did she _____ you about the party?
say / speak / (tell)

8 My mom always _____ the truth.
says / (tells) / speaks

3 Report the questions.

1 "Are you hungry?"
She asked me if I ___was___ hungry.

2 "Where do you live?"
He asked me where I ___lived___.

3 "What time is it?"
A tourist asked me what time ___it was___.

4 "Can you help me?"
My coworker asked if I ___could help___ him.

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5 "Did you lock the door?"
My wife asked me whether I had locked the door.

6 "Why are you late?"
My boss asked me why I was late.

7 "How long have you worked here?"
She asked how long I had worked there.

8 "Will you be at the party?"
He asked if I would be at the party.

9 "Where is the station?"
A man asked me where the station was.

4 Complete the reported sentences.

1 "I'll do it tomorrow."
He said he would do it the next day.

2 "I saw her yesterday."
She said she had seen her the day before.

3 "I'm busy today."
He said he was busy that day.

4 "We're leaving next week."
They said they were leaving the following week.

5 "I love it here."
She said she loved it there.

6 "I moved two years ago."
He said he had moved two years before.

7 "Sit down."
The doctor told me to sit down.

8 "Don't be late."
My boss told us not to be late.

9 "Please call me back."
She asked me to call her back.

5 Put the words in order to make sentences.

1 tired / told / she / was / she / me / .
She told me she was tired.

2 he / lived / me / where / I / asked / .
He asked me where I lived.

3 told / to / early / my / come / us / boss / .
My boss told us to come early.

5 Put the words in order to make sentences.

4 they / sushi / asked / if / I / liked / .

They asked if I liked sushi.

5 told / to / coffee / not / drink / the / doctor / me / .

The doctor told me not to drink coffee.

6 would / call / she / said / day / the / she / next / .

She said she would call the next day.

7 started / time / what / the / he / asked / movie / .

He asked what time the movie started.

6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 She said me she was busy.

She told me she was busy.

2 He told that he was sorry.

He said that he was sorry.

3 My boss told me to calling him.

My boss told me to call him.

4 He asked me that I liked jazz.

He asked me if I liked jazz.

5 The teacher said us to sit down.

The teacher told us to sit down.

6 He said he had saw the movie.

He said he had seen the movie.

7 She asked me if I could helped her.

She asked me if I could help her.

8 They told me they had move to Texas.

They told me they had moved to Texas.

YOUR LIFE

7 **Report what people said to you this week.**

SOMEONE TOLD ME...	SOMEONE ASKED ME...

Answers will vary.