

# Reported Speech

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2. The teacher: "Stop talking!" (tell, class)

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3. The teacher: "You must work harder!" (advise, class)

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4. Jack: "Is this the last test for us this year?" (ask, teacher)

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5. Tessa: "Are you going to make it difficult." (want to know)

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6. Tom: "When are you going to give us our results?" (asked, Mrs. Meyer)

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7. Sara: "Can you help me with, please?" (ask, Mary)

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8. Teacher: "Close the window and sit down, Jack!" (tell)

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9. Mr. Jones: "You should work harder to get better grades." (advise, his son)

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10. Mr. Jones: "Was this a problem for you, Marc?" (ask)

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11. Sara: "How much will the trip cost next Friday"? (want to know)

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12. Norah: "Why have you been waiting for hours?" (ask, Tim)

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13. Grandma: "What would you like to be in your later lives?" (ask, Tessa and Sara)

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\_\_ John said (that) he liked his new hobby." \_\_\_\_\_

2. Sara: "I wanted to go to the cinema yesterday." (tell, me)

\_\_ Sara told me (that) she had wanted to go the cinema the day before. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Marco: "I hope we will go on holiday next year." (mention)

\_\_ Marco mentioned (that) he hoped they would go on holiday the following year/the next year. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Mr. Smith: "They boys are playing in the garden now." (tell, wife)

\_\_ Mr. Smith told his wife (that) the boys were playing the garden then. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sue: "My friends haven't seen this movie yet." (say)

\_\_ Sue said (that) her friends hadn't seen that movie yet. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Cathy: "We were staying in a nice hotel last week." (add)

\_\_ Cathy added (that) they had been staying in a nice hotel the week before. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Ms. Hunter: "My husband is going to buy a car next month." (tell, friends)

\_\_ Ms. Hunter told her friends (that) her husband was going to buy a car the next month/the following month. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Lara: "I wouldn't do this job." (tell, boyfriend)

\_\_ Lara told her boyfriend that he wouldn't do that job. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Jim: "I don't like my new shirt here because it is too big." (explain)

\_\_ Jim explained (that) he didn't like his new shirt there because it was too big. \_\_\_\_\_

10. He: "This isn't a problem for you." (tell, brother)

\_\_ He told his brother (that) that wasn't a problem for him. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Mona: "We will do our final exam next year." (say)

\_\_ Mona said (that) they would do their final exam the following year. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Lisa: "This is the best book I have ever read." (tell, me)

\_\_ Lisa told me (that) that was the best book she had ever read. \_\_\_\_\_

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1. The teacher: "Have you done your homework?" (want to know)  
\_\_\_The teacher wanted to know if/whether we had done our homework. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The teacher: "Stop talking!" (tell, class)  
\_\_\_The teacher told the class to stop talking. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The teacher: "You must work harder!" (advise, class)  
The teacher advised his/the class to work harder. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jack: "Is this the last test for us this year?" (ask, teacher)  
\_\_\_Jack asked the teacher if/whether that was the last test for them that year. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Tessa: "Are you going to make it difficult." (want to know)  
\_\_\_Tessa wanted to know if/whether he/she was going to make it difficult. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Tom: "When are you going to give us our results?" (asked, Mrs. Meyer)  
\_\_\_Tom asked Mrs. Meyer when she was going to give them their results. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Sara: "Can you help me with, please?" (ask, Mary)  
\_\_\_Sara asked Mary if/whether she could help her. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Teacher: "Close the window and sit down, Jack!" (tell)  
\_\_\_The teacher told Jack to close the window and sit down. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Mr. Jones: "You should work harder to get better grades." (advise, his son)  
\_\_\_Mr. Jones advised his son to work harder to get better grades. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Mr. Jones: "Was this a problem for you, Marc?" (ask)  
\_\_\_Mr. Jones asked Marc if/whether that had been a problem for him. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Sara: "How much will the trip cost next Friday?" (want to know)  
\_\_\_Sara wanted to know how much the trip would cost the following Friday. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Norah: "Why have you been waiting for hours?" (ask, Tim)  
Norah asked Tim why he had been waiting for hours. \_\_\_\_\_
13. Grandma: "What would you like to be in your later lives?" (ask, Tessa and Sara)  
\_\_\_Grandma asked Tessa and Sara what they would like to be in their later lives. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Dad: "Can you help me in the garden, please?" (ask, his son)  
Dad asked his son if/whether he could help him in the garden. \_\_\_\_\_