

A short look at indirect speech

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- b) Dad said he _____ (to be) sure that they _____ (will come) to my party.
- c) The newspaper reported that it _____ (not, to be) a murder.
- d) My friend _____ (to believe) that many of my ideas aren't good.
- e) My teacher _____ (to hope) that the next exam would be better.
- f) My sister told me that she _____ (not, to like) my new boyfriend.
- g) Our teacher _____ (to explain) that we have to finish our project by Friday.
- h) They knew that a holiday in London for a week _____ (will be) expensive.

2. Express the sentences in English using indirect speech.

a) Er sagt, dass er noch nie in Schottland gewesen ist.

b) Meine Schwester dachte, Hunde wären gefährliche Haustiere.

c) Die Zeitung schreibt, dass das Wetter schön wird.

d) Meine Mutter dachte, ich hätte letzten Donnerstag bei meinem Freund übernachtet.

e) Mein Vater glaubt, dass mein neuer Freund nicht besonders schlau ist.

f) Ich glaubte dass meine Eltern meinen neuen Freund mögen würden.

g) Er sagt, dass er nicht zum Essen kommt weil er arbeiten muss.

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- a) Er sagt, dass er noch nie in Schottland gewesen ist.
__ He says he has never been to Scotland._____
- b) Meine Schwester dachte, Hunde wären gefährliche Haustiere.
__ My sister thought dogs were dangerous pets_____
- c) Die Zeitung schreibt, dass das Wetter schön wird.
__ The newspaper writes that the weather will be nice._____
- d) Meine Mutter dachte, ich hätte letzten Donnerstag bei meinem Freund übernachtet.
__ My mother thought I had spent the night at my friend's house last Thursday._____
- e) Mein Vater glaubt, dass mein neuer Freund nicht besonders schlau ist.
__ My father thinks that my new boyfriend isn't very smart._____
- f) Ich glaubte dass meine Eltern meinen neuen Freund mögen würden.
__ I believed that my parents would like my new friend._____
- g) Er sagt, dass er nicht zum Essen kommt weil er arbeiten muss.
__ He says that he doesn't come to dinner because he has to work._____