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OET Writing – Reported Speech Verbs

What goes into the spaces – **say**, **tell** or **ask**?

You may have to add a preposition to two sentences...

1. Jane me if I could lend her some money	6. We the man whether he could help us
2. I him that <i>I couldn't meet him that night</i>	7. Jamie us a joke
3. I that <i>I was too busy</i>	8. Annie: "I have a problem"
4. Jamie a joke us	9. She her husband that <i>she was going out</i>
5. Andrew us where we had been	10. Annie us that <i>she had a problem</i>

Practice:

Complete the sentences using reported speech

Sentence	Tense	Answer
"I'm selling all my books." My brother said...		
"When are you leaving?" My parents asked me...		
"I've booked the flights." Emma told me...		
"I won't wear these shoes again." Jenny said...		
"How much money did you spend in the sales?" I asked my friend...		
"I didn't buy you a present." My girlfriend told me...		

"Can you help me?" Sally asked the policeman...		
"I can't find anywhere to park." Luke told me...		
"Where do you usually buy your clothes?" My sister asked me...		
"Will you be home early?" Anna asked Liam...		

Answers

1. Jane asked me if I could lend her some money	6. We asked the man whether he could help us
2. I told him that <i>I couldn't meet him that night</i>	7. Jamie told us a joke
3. I said that <i>I was too busy</i>	8. Annie said : "I have a problem"
4. Jamie said a joke to us	9. She told her husband that <i>she was going out</i>
5. Andrew asked us where we had been	10. Annie told us that <i>she had a problem</i>

Sentence	Tense	Answer
"I'm selling all my books." My brother said...	present continuous – past continuous	My brother said he was selling all his books. My brother said he was going to sell his books.

<p>"When are you leaving?" My parents asked me...</p>	<p>present continuous – past continuous</p>	<p>My parents asked me when <u>I was leaving</u>. ...when I was going to leave</p> <p>When we convert questions into reported speech, we convert them into statements</p>
<p>"I've booked the flights." Emma told me...</p>	<p>present perfect – past perfect</p>	<p>Emma told me (that) she <u>had booked</u> the flights.</p>
<p>"I won't wear these shoes again." Jenny said...</p>	<p>will - would</p>	<p>Jenny said that she would not wear those shoes again.</p> <p>near/now: this / these far/then: that / those</p>
<p>"How much money did you spend in the sales?" I asked my friend...</p>	<p>past simple – past perfect</p>	<p>I asked my friend how much money he had spent.</p>
<p>"I didn't buy you a present." My girlfriend told me...</p>	<p>past simple – past perfect</p>	<p>My girlfriend told me that she had not bought me a present. My girlfriend said that she had not bought me a present.</p>
<p>"Can you help me?" Sally asked the policeman...</p>	<p>present simple – past simple</p>	<p>Sally asked the policeman to help her ask + object + infinitive</p>

		Sally asked the policeman if/whether he could help her.
"I can't find anywhere to park." Luke told me...	present simple – past simple	Luke told me that he couldn't find anywhere to park.
"Where do you usually buy your clothes?" My sister asked me...	present simple – past simple	My sister asked me where I usually bought my clothes.
"Will you be home early?" Anna asked Liam...	will – would	Anna asked Liam if he would be home early.