

Direct and indirect speech exercise

A sentence has been given in direct speech. Out of the three suggested alternatives select the one which best expresses the same sentence in indirect speech.

1. James asked me 'Did you see John yesterday?'

James asked me whether I did see John yesterday.

James asked me whether I had seen John the previous day.

James asked me whether I saw John the previous day.

2. Susan said to Alice 'Ann will leave for her native place tomorrow.'

Susan told Alice that Ann would leave for her native place the next day.

Susan told Alice that Ann will leave for her native place the next day.

Susan told to Alice that Ann would leave for her native place the next day.

3. He said to me 'Why are you working so hard?'

He asked me why are you working so hard.

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He asked me why am I working so hard.

He asked me why I was working so hard.

4. She told me 'What a hot day!'

She told me that it was a hot day.

She exclaimed that it was a hot day.

She said that it was a cold day.

5. The boy said to the teacher 'Could you please repeat the question?'

The boy politely asked the teacher if he could repeat the question.

The boy asked the teacher could he please repeat the question.

The boy asked the teacher to repeat the question.

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Answers

1. James asked me whether I had seen John the previous day.
2. Susan told Alice that Ann would leave for her native place the next day.
3. He asked me why I was working so hard.
4. She exclaimed that it was a hot day.
5. The boy politely asked the teacher if he could repeat the question.