

## Direct and indirect speech worksheet

This grammar exercise tests your ability to use direct and indirect speech. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb form.

1. The boy said that he ..... very busy then.

is

has been

was

2. The mother asked the girl where ..... going?

she was

was she

Either could be used here

3. The teacher asked the students if they ..... their homework.

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had done

did

had done

4. She said that she ..... her job.

finished

has finished

had finished

5. He said that his father .....  
working in the garage.

is

was

has been

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6. I said that I ..... the examination.

have passed

had passed

was passed

7. The man said that the horse ..... in the night.

dies

has died

had died

8. He told me that he ..... me.

doesn't believe

didn't believe

don't believe

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9. I told him that I ..... believe him.

don't

didn't

haven't

10. He says that he ..... glad to be here in this evening.

is

has been

had been

11. The teacher says that the earth ..... round the sun.

moves

moved

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Either could be used here

12. The report says that global temperatures

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are rising

were rising

Either could be used here

## Answers

1. The boy said that he was very busy then.
2. The mother asked the girl where she was going.
3. The teacher asked the student if they had done their homework.
4. She said that she had finished her job.
5. He said that his father was working in the garage.
6. I said that I had passed the examination.
7. The man said that the horse had died in the night.

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8. He told me that he didn't believe me.
9. I told him that I didn't believe him.
10. He says that he is glad to be here in this evening.
11. The teacher says that the earth moves round the sun.
12. The report says that global temperatures are rising.