

Indirect speech exercise

Change the following sentences into indirect speech.

1. He told me that I very ambitious.

am

was

were

2. He told me that my father
..... me a gift.

sent

had sent

has sent

3. James said that he
working against heavy odds.

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is

was

had been

4. He reminded me that he had often
..... not to play with fire.

told

said me

told me

5. The teacher remarked that we
..... very badly.

did

have done

had done

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6. They wrote that it was time we
..... the matter.

settled

have settled

had settled

7. The mother said that she
..... for her son's return.

is longing

was longing

has been longing

8. He wrote that he was unable to come just then
because he ill.

is

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was

had been

9. She said that she
school long ago.

left

has left

had left

10. I told her that I in
years.

did not see him

had not seen him

has not seen him

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Answers

1. He told me that I was very ambitious. OR He remarked that I was very ambitious.
2. He told me that my father had sent me a gift.
3. James said that he was working against heavy odds.
4. He reminded me that he had often told me not to play with fire.
5. The teacher remarked that we had done very badly.
6. They wrote that it was time we settled the matter.
7. The mother said that she was longing for her son's return.
8. He wrote that he was unable to come just then because he was ill.
9. She said that she had left school long ago.
10. I told her that I had not seen him in years.