

Report the following statements

Sentences are given in direct speech. Change them into indirect speech.

Note

We usually report statements using a that-clause.

1. My mother said, 'You are the laziest boy I have ever seen.' / My mother said that I the laziest boy she had ever seen.

am

was

had been

2. He told me, 'I don't like your hairstyle.' / He told me that he my hairstyle.

doesn't like

didn't like

hadn't liked

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3. Martin said, 'If my father gives me the permission, I will go to Singapore.' / Martin said that if his father him the permission, he would go to Singapore.

give

gave

had given

4. 'I will show you how to do it,' said the father to his son. / The father told his son that he him how to do it.

showed

will show

would show

5. 'I have come to borrow a book from the library,' the boy said. / The boy said that he

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..... to borrow a book from the library.

came

has come

had come

6. 'I am going to the US,' he says. / He says that he to the US.

went

was going

is going

7. 'I want to see the house before I buy it,' he told the agent. / He told the agent that he to see the house before he bought it.

wants

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wanted

had wanted

8. 'You must change your wet clothes,' my mother said. / My mother told me that I change my wet clothes.

must

have to

had to

9. 'We needn't tell her,' he said. / He said that they to tell her.

don't need

didn't need

wouldn't need

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10. 'No one can say what will happen next,' the speaker said. / The speaker said that no one what would happen next.

can say

could say

Answers

1. My mother said that I was the laziest boy she had ever seen.
2. He told me that he didn't like my hairstyle.
3. Martin said that if his father gave him the permission, he would go to Singapore.
4. The father told his son that he would show him how to do it.
5. The boy said that he had come to borrow a book from the library.
6. He says that he is going to the US.
7. He told the agent that he wanted to see the house before he bought it.
8. My mother told me that I had to change my clothes.
9. He said that they didn't need to tell her.
10. The speaker said that no one could say what would happen next.