

## Reported Speech Exercise

Can you report questions, statements, requests and commands correctly? Test your understanding of direct and indirect speech with this interactive grammar exercise.

1. The girl said that she .....  
unwell.

is

was

has been

were

2. He said that his master ..... his  
dinner.

is having

was having

has been having

3. The boy said that the horse .....

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in the night.

has died

died

had died

4. She told me that she ..... trust me.

doesn't

didn't

hasn't

hadn't

5. He ..... that he is glad to be here this evening.

says

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said

has said

had said

6. The stranger asked where .....

do I live

did I live

I lived

7. My mother asked me whether I  
..... a man like him.

will trust

would trust

trust

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8. The visitor requested the girl .....  
a glass of water.

that bring

to bring

bring

9. The mother wrote that she .....  
and longing for her son's return.

is waiting

waited

was waiting

will wait

10. I told him that I ..... his friend  
for months.

did not see

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have not seen

had not seen

11. He asked me .....

what did I want

what I wanted

what I want

12. The speaker said that it ..... him  
great pleasure to be there that evening.

gives

gave

had given

has given

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### Answers

1. The girl said that she was unwell.
2. He said that his master was having his dinner.
3. The boy said that the horse had died in the night.
4. She told me that she did not trust me.
5. He says that he is glad to be here this evening.
6. The stranger asked where I lived.
7. My mother asked me whether I would trust a man like him.
8. The visitor requested the girl to bring him a glass of water.
9. The mother wrote that she was waiting and longing for her son's return.
10. I told him that I had not seen his friend for months.
11. He asked me what I wanted.
12. The speaker said that it gave him great pleasure to be there that evening.