

Reported Speech

A Choose the correct answer.

1. "We'll be coming to see you later," John (told / said).
2. "Let's go to a film this evening," she (offered / suggested).
3. "It's a busy restaurant. You should reserve a table," Anne (advised / asked) us.
4. "Leave the building at once," (ordered / suggested) the police.
5. "I'm so sorry I didn't write to you," she (apologised / wondered).

B Choose the correct answer.

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| 1. "I am going to travel abroad."
She said that she travel abroad.
a. was going to b. is going to | 4. "The children are watching TV."
Mum said that the children TV.
a. had watched b. were watching |
| 2. "Will you visit this evening?"
He asked us if we that evening.
a. would visit b. are visiting | 5. "When did the pain begin?"
The doctor asked Sam when the pain
a. began b. had begun |
| 3. "I work in a shop."
She says that she in a shop.
a. worked b. works | 6. "I must leave at once."
She said that she leave at once.
a. must b. had to |

C Write the sentences in direct speech.

1. Jane said that she had been ill the previous week.
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2. Tom's mother wanted to know why he was eating those chocolates.
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3. Mike told me not to call him at work.
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4. They suggested having a picnic that weekend.
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5. She said she was sure that she had never been there before.
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6. The caller asked what time the performance would begin that night.
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D Change the sentences into reported speech.

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| 1. "Don't touch the oven."
The mother told her child | 4. "We're leaving now."
He told me |
| 2. "Let's buy tickets for this concert."
Mike suggested | 5. "There will be no sports lessons today."
The headmaster announced |
| 3. "I don't like sweets, cakes and chocolates."
John says | 6. "I can't help her."
She apologised |

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| 1. said | 4. ordered |
| 2. suggested | 5. apologised |
| 3. advised | |

- B**
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| 1. a | 4. b |
| 2. a | 5. b |
| 3. b | 6. b |

- C**
1. "I was ill last week," said Jane.
 2. "Why are you eating these chocolates?" Tom's mother asked.
 3. "Don't call me at work," Mike said.
 4. "Let's have a picnic this weekend," they suggested.
 5. "I am sure I have never been here before," she said.
 6. "What time will the performance begin tonight?" the caller asked.

- D**
1. not to touch the oven
 2. [that] we buy tickets for that concert / buying tickets for that concert
 3. [that] he doesn't like sweets, cake and chocolates
 4. [that] they were leaving then
 5. [that] there would be no sports lessons that day
 6. that she couldn't help her